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Woman, 66, dies as cries ignored

Senior citizen freezes to death on Scarborough driveway when no one responds to pleas for help Woman suffered from Alzheimer's, had wandered away from home

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▶ A woman walks past a home where a 66-year-old woman froze to death early yesterday.

[redacted] after neighbours failed to respond to her desperate calls for help on a frigid Monday morning has ignited the rage of the public.

Police called the 66-year-old woman's death a tragedy that might have had a different outcome, if only someone had called them in time.

A newspaper delivery woman found the woman — who had suffered from Alzheimer's disease — at about 5:30 a.m. yesterday on Kennaley Crescent in the Brimley and McNicoll area. The woman was just a block away from her home on Cleadon Road.

"I think one of them actually saw this person in a bit of distress but didn't know what was going on but did not call us."
SGT. DAVID DUBE ON AREA RESIDENTS

She had no pulse.

It's believed the woman had wandered away from her home in minus-20 degree temperatures around 2 a.m., police said.

Sgt. David Dube said some neighbours heard the woman crying out in distress in the driveway, but no one called 911 or came to her aid. "I can tell you around 2 a.m., through our investigation, there's a couple of neighbours in the area who did hear a scream," said Dube.

Police believe the woman was distraught and looking for help and do not suspect foul play, he added.

Finger marks could be seen on a vehicle in the driveway where the woman had likely tried to pull herself up off of the ground, police said.

There were also scratch marks on the screen door to the home, and Dube said he suspects the woman may have tried to get inside. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Officer's funeral today

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Hospital. Spreading some cheer

▶ Toronto Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf gets the air hockey going with Liam Jefferson, who had a bone marrow transplant Nov 5. The team made a trip to the Hospital for Sick Children in the middle of winter to raise the spirits of the children under care.

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Maple Leafs score at SickKids Hospital

Pan Am price tag almost doubles

City's total share of costs has risen to $96.5M Intention had been to deliver Toronto land "as is," but Games organizers made it clear that land had to be in ready-to-build condition

[redacted] the hook to pay $23 million to clean up the former Morningside landfill site for use as a new aquatic centre for the Pan Am Games.

City councillors on the executive committee expressed surprise about the cost increase for soil remediation of the site, beside the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus.

But they're recommending the city pay up. City council will decide at its next meeting in early February.

Coun. David Shiner, an executive committee member, blamed the former administration of mayor David Miller for keeping the public in the dark.

"I can't speak for why mayor Miller and his executive before didn't bring these costs out and tell people what the real cost is," Shiner said. "I can't speak for why the administration didn't tell us before. We're telling people now what it will really cost."

"It's costing us $96 million to host the Games where it should have cost us $49 million and, unfortunately, taxpayers weren't told that." COUN. DAVID SHINER

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday expressed frustration that city taxpayers have to pay, when the original plan was to turn the city's land over to the Games in "as is" condition.

"Are there any more surprises?" Holyday wondered.

"Not that I'm aware of," responded parks general manager Brenda Patterson, prompting a scowl from Holyday.

The committee was told the landfill cleanup costs could come from the Perpetual Care of Landfill Reserve Fund, an account used to remediate former city dumps.

Councillors were also told the city's share of building the aquatic centre — which Miller championed — has grown by $21.3 million because of inflation.

Earlier estimates were expressed in 2008 dollars, but the project will be built in 2012-14 so the cost was converted to 2014 dollars to take inflation into account. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Thousands expected at funeral

Convention centre will be filled at service for Sgt. Ryan Russell

As many as 10,000 police officers, emergency personnel and members of the public are expected today for what could be one of Canada's largest-ever funerals for a slain cop.

Thousands of others are expected to line the funeral procession route through downtown or watch a live broadcast as Sgt. Ryan Russell is honoured.

Russell, 35, a married father of a two-year-old son, was killed last Wednesday as he tried to stop a stolen snowplow that had led police on a wild chase through city streets. A 44-year-old drifter, Richard Kachkar, who was shot and seriously injured by police when arrested, faces first-degree murder charges.

The focus of today's ceremony will be at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, where workers spent yesterday arranging 10,000 chairs, setting up a stage and four huge projection screens.

Russell's death is the first in the line of duty for a Toronto officer since 2002.

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Public

- About 2,000 seats were being set aside for members of the public who want to attend the service.
- GO Transit said it would allow all emergency services personnel in uniform, or with identification, to travel to and from Russell's service for free.

Union. Bilodeau

▶ Winter Olympic gold medallist Alexandre Bilodeau poses for a picture yesterday with a morning commuter.

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Unlocking Amazing

The freestyle skier was at Union Station promoting Quaker's Unlock Amazing, an online initiative to donate two million bowls of oatmeal to Canadian food banks.

Province aims to make transfering easier

Alex Protomanni estimates he saved $15,000 when he earned two years' worth of credits while transferring to university from college.

The Humber College business graduate had bad timing entering the workforce and opted to return to school when he was unable to find work amid record-high unemployment rates.

"I was applying for the same jobs that people who were much more qualified than me were applying for, so no matter how many interviews I went to, I never got a call-back," recalls the third-year student at the University of Guelph-Humber. Protomanni's case is not an isolated one. It has become increasingly common for students to seek out both a college and a university education.

And with more than 500 separate credit transfer agreements between institutions, making the transition from one school to another can be a headache for some students.

The Ontario government hopes to remedy the problem with a $73.7-million investment over the next five years into creating a provincewide credit transfer system.

"It's becoming very commonplace for someone to move from college to university or university to college."

JOHN MILLOY, ONTARIO MINISTER OF TRAINING, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The investment will help colleges and universities work together to create credit transfer agreements, says John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Anne Sado, president of George Brown College, said she is eager for the program's implementation, but notes that willing partners will be needed to make it successful.

"It'll take some rolling up of the sleeves, some willing partners and the financial support to make this happen," said Sado.

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Politician. Slumdog Millionaire actor

▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty, left, shows Bollywood superstar Anil Kapoor around the Ontario legislature yesterday.

STARS

Ontario gets taste of Bollywood

Anil Kapoor, who acts as an ambassador to the International Indian Film Academy, is in Toronto to discuss preparations for the IIFA weekend and awards, which are to be held in the city later this year. This marks the first time that Bollywood films will be celebrated in North America.

'Giant six-pack' finally arrives

Six huge beer tanks make it to brewery nearly a week late Convoy was hampered by cold weather and wires

TANNIS TOOHEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Each tank carried 43,500 kilograms of beer.

Trucks hauling six massive beer vats finally chugged their way to a Toronto brewery. The six fermentation tanks arrived at the Molson Coors brewery near Pearson airport early yesterday, nearly a week behind schedule.

The tanks, each capable of holding 1.4 million bottles of beer, spent Sunday at Woodbine racetrack before embarking along the last stretch.

The convoy of about 40 vehicles left the Port of Hamilton Jan. 7 and has been travelling overnight along secondary roads.

The giant six-pack was originally meant to arrive at the brewery Jan. 11.

The vats' size meant utility crews had to remove power and cable lines along the route and reattach them after the convoy has passed.

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CITIZEN'S ARREST CASE

Judge bans Chinatown thief for three years

Anthony Bennett, convicted of theft in a high-profile case involving merchants in Chinatown, has been banned from both Chinatown and Kensington Market for three years.

Bennett gained notoriety after he was captured and subdued in a citizen's arrest case in May 2009 involving Chinatown grocer David Chen. At Bennett's sentencing yesterday in a courtroom at Old City Hall, Judge William Bassel said he would agree to the sentence — agreed to jointly by the Crown and Bennett's counsel — even though he had considered banning Bennett from the entire city of Toronto.

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Teams advance in building competition

Three Ontario high school teams have advanced to the Construction Challenge final in Las Vegas in March: Toronto's St. Patrick CHS; Alexander MacKenzie High School of Richmond Hill; and Holy Trinity Catholic High School of Simcoe.

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Iggy and 'his reckless coalition' fire back at TV ads

- Layton, Ignatieff tour the country, election-style
- Political scientist calls rhetoric 'a game of chicken'

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▶ Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff yesterday criticized a new series of negative Conservative TV ads against him as "personal, lowball attacks."

The Conservatives unveiled the TV ads yesterday into the political fever of a potential spring election. "Ignatieff and his reckless coalition," says one ad, claiming the Liberal leader supported a coalition with the NDP and Bloc Québécois once — and will do it again.

After appearing at Harbord Collegiate Institute, Ignatieff denied he supports a coalition against the government, and said Canadians should think about what the Conservatives aren't saying in the ads. (Liberal support for a coalition to defeat Prime Minister Stephen Harper predated Ignatieff as leader.)

"They're not attacking our family care plan (or) our early learning and child-care plan," he said.

While Ignatieff groused about his ill treatment, Jack Layton's New Democrats proudly brandished theirs like a schoolyard shiner.

"These negative ads show that we're making Stephen Harper nervous," national director Brad Lavigne said in an internal fundraising pitch to NDP followers yesterday.

Earlier, during a lively question-and-answer period at the Toronto school, Ignatieff focused on Liberal positions on social justice, including a fairer deal for aboriginal Canadians, as well as environmental sustainability and family programs.

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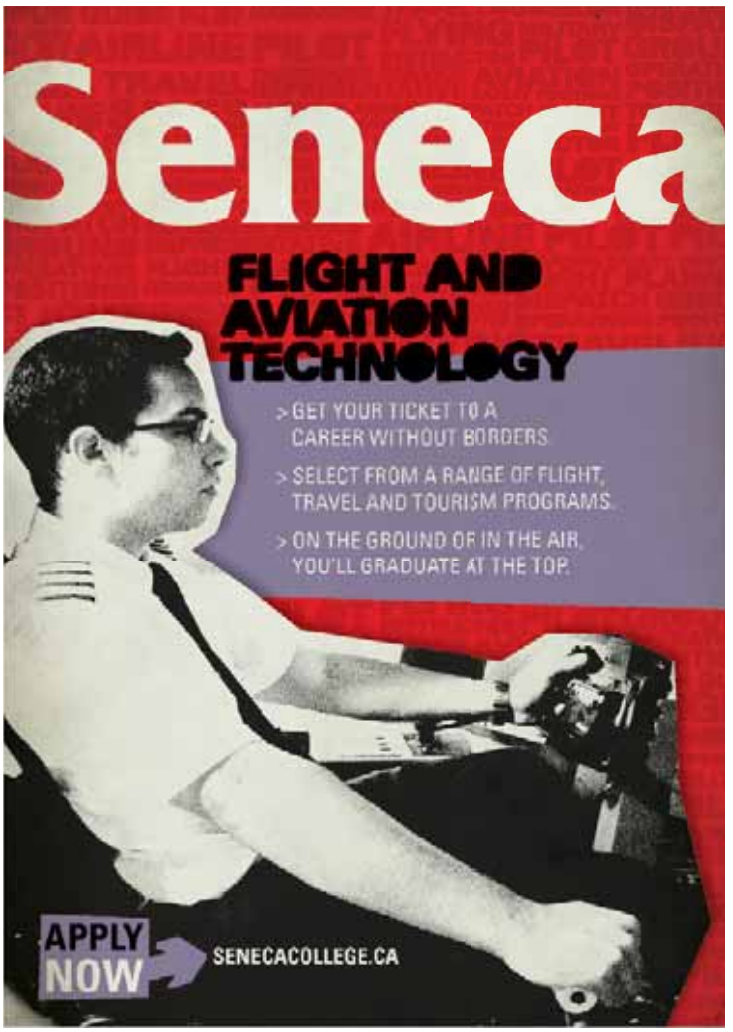

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MONTREAL

Synagogues, school and daycare attacked

Montreal's Jewish community fears it is being targeted in an orchestrated campaign of hatred.

Three synagogues, a Jewish school and a daycare had their windows smashed with rocks over the weekend.

Meanwhile, controversy continued to rage over a local shoe store that is being boycotted by some Montrealers because it sells shoes made in Israel.

B'nai Brith's local chapter issued a media release yesterday following the attacks in the city's west end.

"Following what appears to be an orchestrated campaign of anti-Semitic attacks, there is particular concern about the targeting of a school and daycare," the group said.

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Baby Doc's return shocks former GG

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▶ Haiti's former dictator, Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier, waves to the media yesterday from a hotel balcony in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

'He is Haitian and, as such, is free to return home,' Haiti's PM says

One-time dictator Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier's return to Haiti has left Canada's Haitian-born former governor general "astounded."

"Will a quarter-century of comfortable exile in impunity be enough to make Haitians forget the horrors, the suffering, the injustice as well as the human and economic cost of decades of Duvalierist dictatorship?" Michaëlle Jean said in a statement.

Jean's family fled Haiti for Canada in 1968 during the reign of Duvalier's infamous father, Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier. The younger Duvalier ruled the impoverished country from his father's death in 1971 until he was ousted in a popular uprising in 1986.

He has spent the time since in exile in France.

The father-son dictators presided over one of the darkest chapters in Haiti's lamentable history.

Jean, who stepped down as governor general last fall, now is UNESCO's special envoy for Haiti.

She's in Paris this week for a roundtable with Haitians, diplomats and UNESCO representatives marking the first anniversary of the country's devastating earthquake.

"How can he come back to Haiti without warning, like a citizen, without reproach?"

MICHAËLLE JEAN, FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL AND UNESCO SPECIAL ENVOY FOR HAITI

Duvalier's return came as a surprise to a country struggling with the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, a cholera epidemic and a political crisis following an indecisive election.

He was greeted by several hundred cheering supporters as he landed.

He said he came to help in reconstruction. An aide said he would stay for only three days.

In 2007, President Rene Preval said Duvalier could return to Haiti, but would then face justice for the deaths of thousands of people and the theft of millions of dollars.

Preval, however, had no immediate comment on Duvalier's arrival.

Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive shrugged it off.

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Don't blame the parents: Husband

Astronaut Mark Kelly, the husband of wounded congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, says he would be willing to meet the parents of the man accused of attempting to assassinate his wife, adding he doesn't blame them for their son's alleged crimes.

"I'd probably see them," Kelly told ABC's Diane Sawyer in a 20/20 interview to air tonight.

"I don't think it's their fault. It's not the parents' fault. You know, I'd like to think I'm a person that's somewhat forgiving. And, I mean, they've got to be hurting in this situation as much as much as anybody."

Giffords took a bullet to the brain Jan. 8 outside a Tuscon grocery store at a meet-and-greet event with constituents.

Six others, including a federal judge and a nine-year-old girl, died in a blaze of gunfire that has prompted a U.S. debate on hot-button issues ranging from gun control to toxic political rhetoric and the handling of the mentally ill.

"I'm sure they love their son. And they must be as distraught over this as the rest of us."

MARK KELLY, HUSBAND OF WOUNDED CONGRESSWOMAN GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

Shooting suspect Jared Loughner, a political radical with well-documented mental health issues, had clashed with various authorities, yet he was able to buy a handgun and extra-large ammunition magazines at a Tuscon sportsman's store without any problem.

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Italian PM alleged to have paid for underage sex

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi had sex with a significant number of prostitutes, Milan prosecutors alleged yesterday in documents seeking authorization to search some of his properties.

The prosecutors are leading an investigation aimed at determining if the 74-year-old media mogul paid for sex with a 17-year-old Moroccan girl who attended parties at one of his villas last year. Exploiting or aiding prostitution with minors is a crime.

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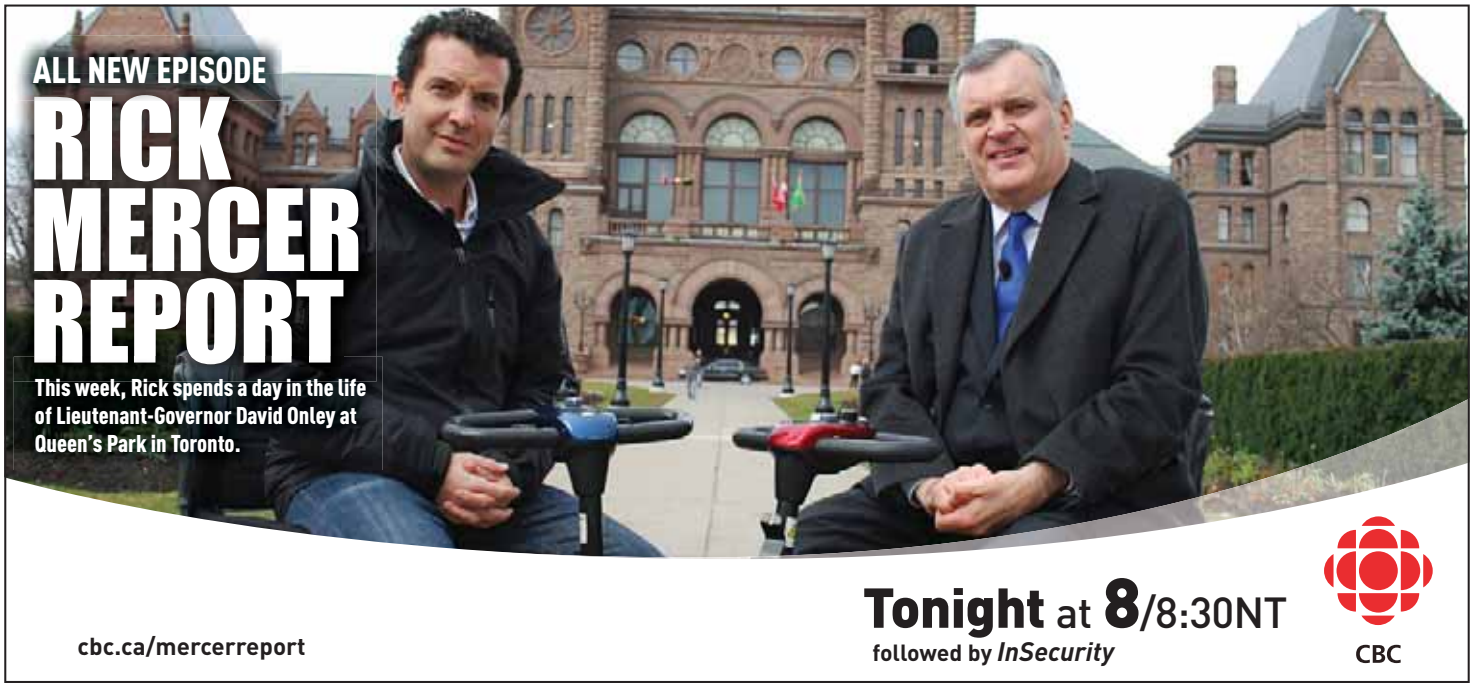
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A call for respect of all religions

Metro obtained this column exclusively from Tony Blair and Prince Ghazi dedicated to promoting World Interfaith Harmony Week, the first week of February

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TONY BLAIR, LEFT, A ROMAN CATHOLIC, IS THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN. PRINCE GHAZI OF JORDAN IS A SPECIAL ADVISER TO KING ABDULLAH.

Around the world there is a struggle taking place about religion. The essence of it is this: Are people of religious faith prepared to regard those of a different faith with respect and dignity; or do they regard them as enemies because they do not share the same faith as them?

On Oct. 20, 2010, the UN General Assembly unanimously passed a resolution declaring the first week of February World Interfaith Harmony Week. Resolutions do not alter the world, but this resolution encourages people who believe in inter-religious harmony to stand up and be counted.

The resolution is unique in that it promotes harmonious interfaith relations in a way that draws attention to the scriptural and theological basis for mutual respect. Its mention of "love of the good and love of one's neighbour" is important because while for believers the good is God, love of the good and the neighbour is the very essence of goodwill for all people. Thus the resolution includes everyone of all religions, faiths and beliefs, and those of no religion at all.

World Interfaith Harmony Week has unprecedented potential to turn the tide against religious tensions. What can you do? If you are a religious figure, a preacher or a teacher, all you have to do is take up the theme of inter-religious harmony during the first week of February, in your sermon, preaching or writing. You can register your event at worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com.

If you are a layperson of goodwill, there are many things you can do. You could host a breakfast for neighbours of various faiths or invite them over for a chat; organize a multicultural bazaar; do joint community work; read together; pray together; or talk to your own families about the need for tolerance.

A good deed for interfaith harmony, even if the world moves in the opposite direction, is not like a vote for a candidate that loses: It still counts. It creates a ripple effect of goodness.

BRITAIN'S HEALTH CARE

PM vows system overhaul

Prime Minister David Cameron yesterday promised fundamental changes to the country's expensive and overstressed public healthcare system.

Cameron said he would save money and cut red tape by giving control over management to family practitioners rather than bureaucrats, and allow private companies, charities and social enterprises to bid for contracts within the public health service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tunisians lash out at former first lady's family

- Leila Trabelsi married deposed leader in 1992
- Lack of jobs fuelled protests that toppled president

The end of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's iron-fisted 23-year rule brought joy to many ordinary people in Tunisia — and they were especially elated at the prospect of life without his wife and her rapacious family.

The clan of former first lady Leila Trabelsi was widely despised as the ultimate symbol of corruption and excess. Leila and her 10 siblings are said to have operated like a mafia, extorting money from shop owners, demanding a stake in businesses large and small and divvying up plum concessions among themselves.

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▶ Leila Trabelsi

Their control over the North African country's economy was vast. The Trabelsi and Ben Ali's own families were said to have a stake in Tunisian banks and airlines, car dealerships, Internet providers, radio and television stations, industry and big retailers.

And when mass protests forced Ben Ali to flee Friday to Saudi Arabia, his peoples' pent-up rage was directed more at Leila's side of the family than at her husband and his authoritarian regime.

Within a day of Ben Ali's departure, many of the sumptuous villas and businesses belonging to the Trabelsis were pillaged and burned, and one prominent family member was reportedly killed by an angry mob.

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King. Birthday

▶ Members of the King family, from left, Christine King Farris, sister of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Alveda King, niece, Rev. Bernice King, daughter, Martin Luther King III and wife Arndrea, and their daughter Yolanda, 2, pray at the crypt of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and wife Coretta Scott King yesterday in Atlanta.

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King's words still resonate

The shootings in Arizona loomed large as the U.S. marked the legacy of civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday, with many speakers drawing on his message of non-violence as a key lesson in the wake of the tragedy. Yesterday would have been the civil rights icon's 82nd birthday.

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STEVE JOBS

Apple CEO takes medical leave

Apple Inc. co-founder and CEO Steve Jobs sent a note to employees yesterday saying he's taking a second medical leave of absence in two years so he can focus on his health.

Jobs said he would continue as CEO and be involved in major decisions but has asked chief operating officer Tim Cook to be responsible for all day-to-day operations.

"I love Apple so much and hope to be back as soon as I can," Jobs wrote.

Apple has a long history of secrecy when it comes to the health of its iconic CEO, disclosing major illnesses only after the fact. Jobs was "cured" of a rare form of pancreatic cancer in 2004, but his surgery and recovery were not made public until afterward.

Few CEOs are considered as instrumental to their companies as Jobs has been to Apple since he returned in 1997 after a 12-year hiatus.

Shares of Apple have plunged in the past with news and rumours about Jobs' health.

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Flaherty clamps down on borrowing

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▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty prepares to begin a news conference on household debt yesterday in Ottawa.

▶ No debt crisis in Canada, says finance minister ▶ But household debt at 148% of disposable income

The federal government is making home ownership more difficult for Canadians on the margins of affordability, and moved to cut off some types of borrowing.

The new measures were necessary, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday, because a minority of Canadians are "borrowing to the max."

It is the third time in three years that the finance minister has acted to restrain credit at a time of historically low interest rates.

The new rules reduce the amortization period to 30 years from 35, reducing the amount Canadians can borrow on their first home.

The measure, which comes into effect March 18, will increase the monthly payment on a $300,000 mortgage at four per cent by $105, according to the government.

As well, Ottawa has lowered the limit on how much money Canadians can borrow using their homes as equity to 85 per cent of the value from 90.

And the government will no longer insure lines of credit secured on homes as if they were mortgages.

Flaherty said he was concerned that some Canadians were getting stretched and would feel the pinch when interest rates rise.

"We are responding to a situation that could develop," he told a news conference, "and we want to avoid that."

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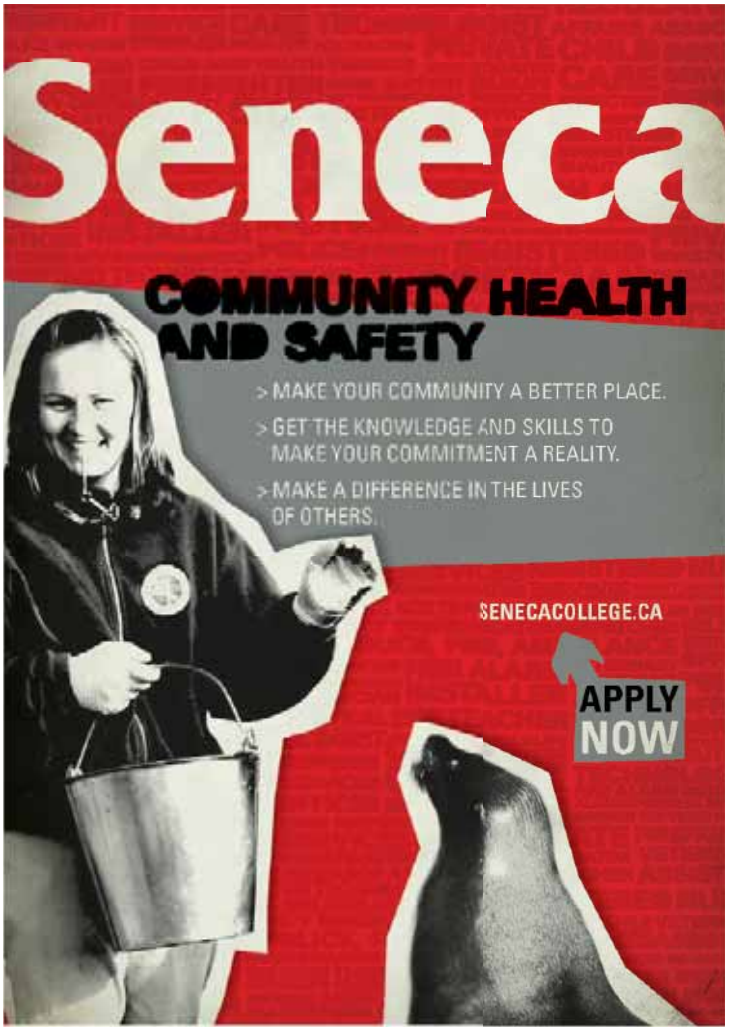
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ADD SOME COLOUR TO MID-WINTER BLUES

She says ...

JESSICA NAPIER

Christmas is long gone, I've broken all of my well-intentioned resolutions and my bank account is looking more tragic than ever. Frigid temperatures and a lack of funds have left me housebound this month and my mood, like the weather, has been icy at best. I am well and truly stuck in the post-holiday depressfest known as January.

It's not just me, of course. Psychologists (perhaps in collaboration with travel agents and chocolate makers) dubbed yesterday Blue Monday, allegedly the most depressing day of the year.

With this not-so-scientific fact in mind, here are five ways to help you defrost your chilly disposition and get out of your seasonal slump. And just think; if yesterday was the most depressing day of the year it can only get better from now on, right?

"... if yesterday was the most depressing day of the year it can only get better from now on, right?"

HIBERNATE WITH FRIENDS: If you can't beat the blues you might as well make wallowing a group activity. Play board games and put on bad movies you would feel guilty watching during patio season. Add wine when needed.

HIT THE SLOPES: If there's one thing Canadians do well it's inventing ridiculously dangerous winter sports. So why not strap on some skis and throw yourself down a steep rock face in the name of fun. Or forget the skiing and skip straight to the après activities, preferably anything that involves a roaring fire and a bearskin rug.

DECORATE: If below freezing temperatures have you trapped inside your apartment you might as well make it look good. Yes, you're broke from a season of overspending, but even small touches can go a long way. Invest in new couch cushions, craft colourful wall art and fill vases with fragrant flowers to remind yourself that spring is just around the corner (kind of).

FIND PLEASURE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S PAIN: Go online and look up temperatures in a much colder province. When you consider that it was –39 C in Eureka last night (that's in Nunavut for those of you who aren't Canadian geography nerds) the wind chill here doesn't really seem all that bad.

THROW A JERSEY SHORE THEME PARTY: Get a spray tan, turn up the heat and squeeze into your tightest Ed Hardy tube top. Invite like-minded Guidos and Guidettes over to fist-pump to the beat of your homemade club-anthem playlist. Drink Ron Ron Juice until you forget what season it is and try not to contract an STD by the end of the weekend.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Losing the trust factor

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Do you think the CRTC's decision on misleading news will impact Canadian media?

@jbg44: Reputable media. NO. I still have faith in them. Others? YES. problem 2 distinguish fact from fiction.

@zachbussey: I think there's a lack of trust with media as it is. This definitely lowers my trust to basically none.

@paisleyrae: Thus continues the ongoing saga of the stupefaction of our society.

@gameandpc: so I can destroy someone's career or reputation or family and keep broadcasting? Fun!

Society's stupefaction saga

TORONTO. This is not responsible. I suspect they are lowering Canadian standards in advance to Fox invasion in Canada. How do we protest? Did we not learn anything from the recent tragedy in Tucson? We're Canadian NOT American! **SUSAN RENNIE**

Re: Looking for a vision in the new year (Jan. 17)

TORONTO. Thank you (Carolyn Morris) for a great story in Monday's Metro. It has been a breath of fresh air to me today. It's refreshing to see a story on something a bit deeper than trying to lose 10 pounds or trying to look like a famous person. **IRYNA SOLUKFIGOL**

How would you describe your dream job?

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Metro Minute at The Twelfth Fret

Though Nelly Furtado did it first on Folklore, Brit pop geniuses Mumford and Sons have officially ushered in mainstream music's banjo renaissance. With creepy Deliverance associations finally behind it, the banjo has infused flat pop with a fresh jolt of energy. So, if you want to impress the ladies, best trade in your old-news guitar for one of them twangy circular things. Head to strings depot The Twelfth Fret at 2132 Danforth Rd. and ask for Grant. And if you decide the banjo isn't exotic enough for you, perhaps you would prefer a brand new mandolin or electric sitar. If you have no idea what either of those are, they also provide lessons. **JORDANA DIVON**

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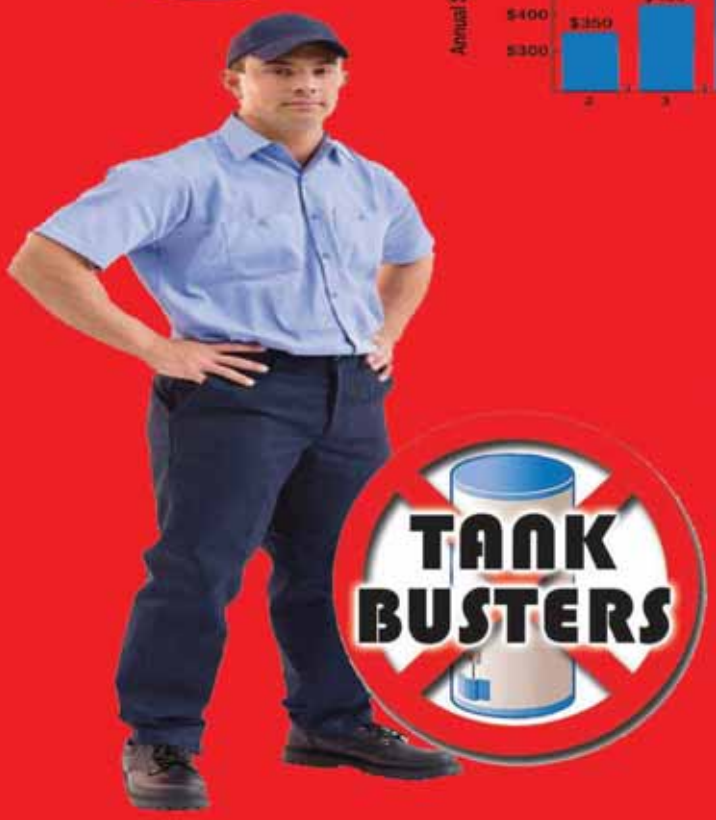

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British journalist has big shoes to fill ◗ Plans to be direct and not pull any punches in his interviews ◗ Obama or Boyle? How about both!

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Piers Morgan replaced legendary interviewer Larry King, who, before retiring, hosted CNN's nightly interview show broadcast across the globe for 25 years.

Morgan, one of Britain's most famous journalists, has enjoyed a professional career spanning more than 20 years that saw him evolve from a tabloid showbiz columnist, national newspaper editor to an international celebrity judge and interviewer.

Morgan found time to sit down with Metro.

How are you different from Larry King?
Well, I'm 32 years younger and I've had six less wives. So far! But seriously, I think that we come at interviews in a very different way. Larry prefers not to know too much about his guest so he can chat to them as if they are someone he just met in a bar, and that has worked brilliantly for him for so long. I'm a journalist, so I come at interviews in a more forensic way. I like to do a lot of research and preparation, so wherever the guest goes, I can go with them.

As an interviewer, will you maintain your bullish style?
Of course! I like being pretty direct, and I don't suffer fools or people trying to pull the wool over my eyes. My guests will get the experience their behaviour deserves. If they're smart and friendly, it will all go fine. If they're dumb and hostile, well — not so fine!

You have said you prefer to air a pre-recorded interview rather than live. What's the difference between a more theatrical, entertainment interview (pre-recorded) and a hard news one (live)?
A pre-recorded interview can be just as 'hard news' as a live one. If not more so. The interview is the same, you just have more time to market and promote the content across all media. As you've all seen with Oprah, we've managed to get so much stuff out there that the whole world knows about it, and there's a terrific buzz as a result.

Who would you rather interview — Susan Boyle or Barack Obama and why?
I'd like to interview both, maybe at the same time. After all, both are living the American dream, and both are human beings with the same vital organs as the rest of us.

Is there anything you wouldn't ask?
No. Nobody has to answer a question; there's no gun to their head. But an interviewer should always be free to ask whatever they like.

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▶ Piers Morgan takes over for Larry King on CNN. His show is on CNN at 9 p.m. (ET) every night.

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News in brief

The Nielsen Co. says Sunday's Golden Globes ceremony was seen by almost 17 million viewers. It beat all network competition in its time period, slightly exceeding last year's audience for the film and TV awards show.

British comedian-actor Ricky Gervais returned as host, irreverently lampooning many of the nominees, presenters and even the sponsoring Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

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Buried full of tension

Buried
Genre: Drama
Director: Rodrigo Cortés
Stars: Ryan Reynolds, José Luis García Pérez
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The pine box lies beneath the Iraq desert, exact location unknown. The man inside it is Paul Conroy (Ryan Reynolds), a civilian American trucker who just wanted to deliver kitchen supplies to a community centre. His truck was in a convoy caught in a firefight and now he's awake in the dark, covered in dried blood and sweat, with a limited supply of oxygen and little hope of rescue.

Conroy has a trusty Zippo lighter, which provides enough flame to reveal his plight. He can barely move, much less turn around.

His unseen captors have demands, which begin with a $5 million ransom and a two-hour time limit.

Spanish director Rodrigo Cortés directs, from a script by Chris Sparling, and no secret is made of the desire to pay homage to Alfred Hitchcock. From the Vertigo-style movie poster to the Psycho slashes of Victor Reyes' pulse-pounding score, the master's influence is everywhere.

Especially in the film's mordant humour, which Reynolds skillfully balances off Conroy's more frantic moments.

The tension keeps building, right to the end.

PETER HOWELL

Takers
Genre: Action
Director: John Luessenhop
Stars: Chris Brown, Hayden Christensen, Matt Dillon
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The slick young thieves of Takers are so into playing dress up, you wonder how they find time to plot their absurdly elaborate heists.

Indeed, when these dudes aren't modeling the latest European fashions, they enjoying acting out as cops, construction workers and bikers.

The heist part of the saga, which mainly involves a daring $25 million Brinks bash on the streets of L.A., isn't quite so impressive.

The screenplay is credited to four writers, director John Luessenhop among them, and they've all been busy cutting-and-pasting from other movies.

Such scriptural insanity wouldn't be a problem — just ask George Clooney and his Ocean's 11+ crew — if the characters were interesting, Which, alas, they aren't.

Most of the heisters, played by Hayden Christensen, Paul Walker, Chris Brown and Michael Ealy, simply fail the believability test. They look as though they'd have trouble passing fake I.D. to get into bar, let alone knock off a bank or armored car.

The same goes for the freshly sprung jailbird played by rapper Tip "T.I." Harris, who also produced the film.

The women in the film — Zoë Saldana as a worried fiancée, Marianne Jean-Baptiste as a junkie sibling — fare worse than the men, since they're there solely to give the tough guys a sense of humanity.

Fortunately, the takers are led by Idris Elba, of TV's The Wire, a mature man of physical and mental heft who actually looks as though he could do some damage to a security system. He also helpfully explains the title: "We're takers, gents. That's what we do."

Another plus is that they're all pursued by an LAPD detective, played by Matt Dillon, who convincingly summons righteous flatfoot doggedness.

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We're not a couple, really: Sandra Bullock

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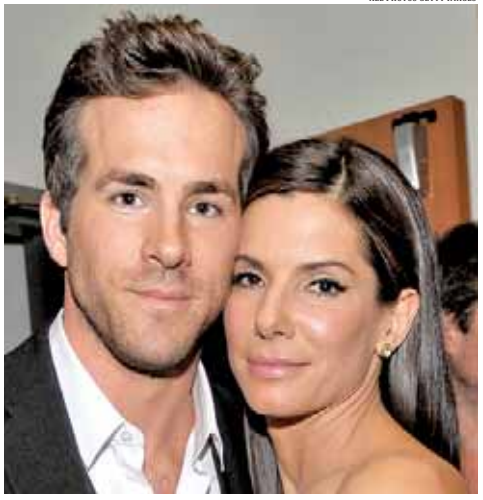

Denies rumours of romance with Ryan Reynolds

Sandra Bullock is doing her best to put the rumors about her and Ryan Reynolds to rest.

"I think there will be a collective sigh amongst women across the United Stated when I say he's not my lover," the Oscar-winner told Al Roker in an interview over the weekend.

"He's just an amazing friend for 10 years," she explained. "But I don't get his loving after dark."

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Aretha: They got it wrong

Aretha Franklin is opening up about her recent health issues. The Queen of Soul tells Access Hollywood that while she did undergo surgery last month, she never had pancreatic cancer, as was reported.

"I don't know where 'pancreatic cancer' came from," she says.

"I was sitting there reading the newspaper and it was saying someone in my family said that. No one in my family ever said that to anybody."

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Orlando's house for rent

Orlando Bloom is offering his Hollywood Hills home for rent — for $18,000 a month, according to Radar Online. The four-bedroom, three-bathroom house was famously burglarized in 2009 by actress Alexis Neiers and a gang of teens, who also targeted Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan. Bloom purchased the home in 2007 for $2.75 million.

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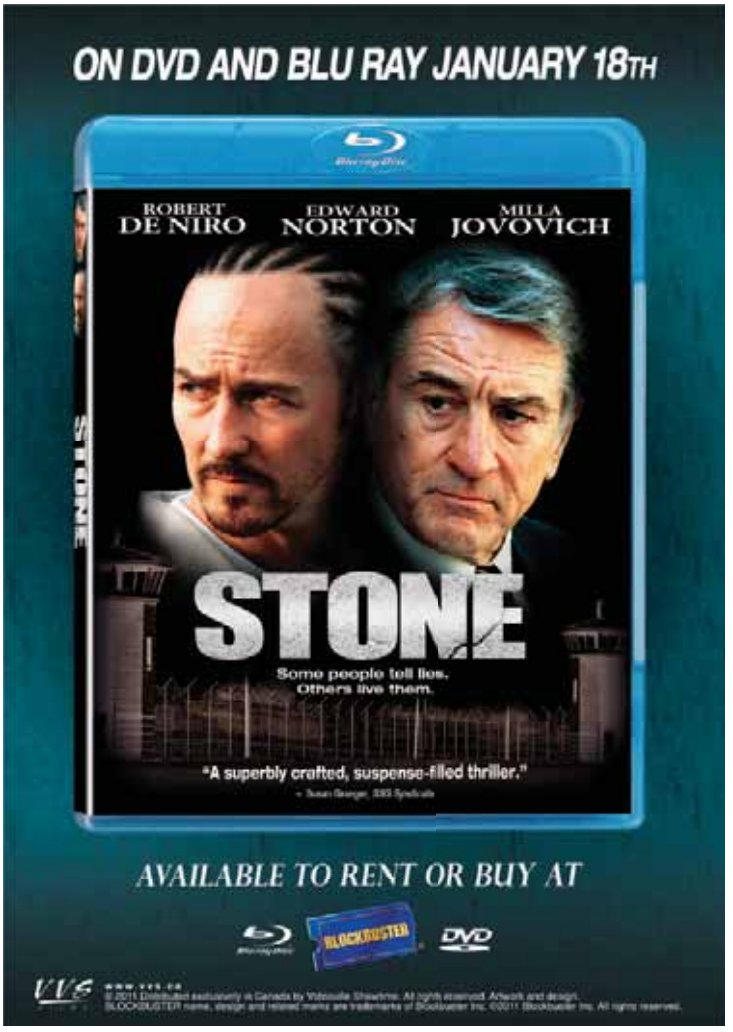

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Gamers

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▶ There is a new surgery that some obesity sufferers are turning to for help.

On the band-wagon

Those struggling with obesity are turning to a revolutionary new idea
Belly bands are helping with diabetes, high-blood pressure and weight

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It's a new weapon in the battle of the bulge.

Belly band surgery is increasingly popular among obese patients. Dr. Chris Cobourn, a general surgeon at The Surgical Weight Loss Centre in Mississauga, performs Lap-Band surgery, and watches as patients as heavy as 575 pounds lose weight and get healthy.

"They love their band. No one wants to be obese. They are incredibly frustrated and depressed and a lot of patients have low self-esteem. This gives them a simple, elegant solution and they are the happiest patients in the world," says Cobourn.

"It's very safe," he adds. "We've done over 3,000 here with no major complications or deaths."

Lap-Band surgery is not for folks who just want to lose 10 pounds. It's for those with a body mass index (BM) over 35 or a BMI over 30 who also have medical problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure or sleep apnea. "It should be about improving one's health. The goal is to induce significant weight loss and keep it off," says Cobourn.

The Centre has a clinic in Vancouver and hopes to open soon in Calgary and on the east coast.

Lap-band surgery is done laparoscopically, and takes about half an hour. The surgeon places an adjustable band around the upper stomach, which decreases the amount of food the stomach can hold. The band can then be adjusted through an access port just under the skin on the abdomen. People generally return to work after about four days. The idea is to lose one or two pounds a week. When weight plateaus, the band gets tightened. If a female patient gets pregnant, the band can be loosened. The procedure has been successful, says Cobourn.

"Only about 10 per cent of patients either didn't lose 25 per cent of their body weight, or asked to have their band removed."

Fat stats

Here are some statistics on obesity from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

- **Obesity** Canada's rate of obesity is about 25 per cent, and rising.
- **Young people** Obesity in young people ages 12 to 17 is about 10 per cent.
- **Health care** In 2005, obesity-related chronic conditions were thought to cost $1.8 million in direct costs (such as health care) and $2.5 billion in indirect costs (such as absenteeism and loss of productivity).

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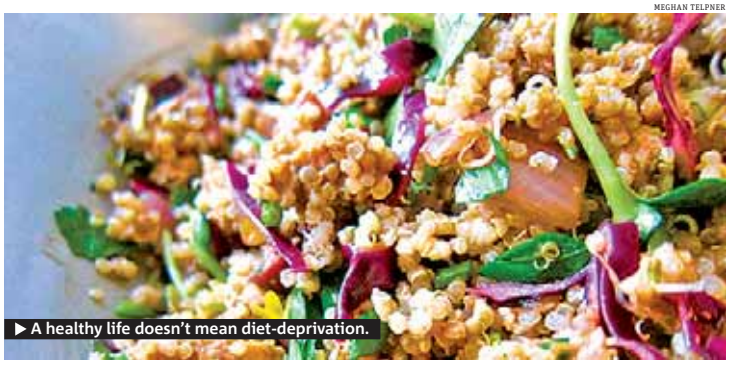

▶ A healthy life doesn't mean diet-deprivation.

Swap your way to a healthy you

Forget dieting — these simple changes can go a long way to improving your appearance and eating habits

DAILY SQUEEZE

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It's a new year, and we all want to get healthier. But that doesn't have to mean diet-deprivation – far from it.

By simply replacing certain ingredients, you can turn favourite meals into nutrient powerhouses. These simple tips will help make this your healthiest and most delicious year yet. Let's take a closer look at our nutritional all-stars.

Swap out: Pasta
Swap in: Spaghetti Squash

Why: When cooked, the flesh of this winter squash closely resembles spaghetti pasta in both appearance and texture. Not only does it keep "pasta" dishes lighter in calories and carbs, it bypasses all refined flour and gluten, while providing a ton of nutrients such as beta-carotene and vitamin C.

Use it: Slice squash in half lengthwise and deseed. Rub open side of squash with olive oil and roast at 400 degrees for 45 minutes. Use in any recipe that calls for pasta.

Swap out: Refined sugar
Swap in: Raw Honey

Why: Refined sugar is not kind to our bodies, robbing them of important nutrients (B-vitamins and certain minerals), compromising our immunity while causing increasing stress. Compare this to raw, unpasteurized honey, which contains phytonutrients and highly regarded anti-viral properties.

Use it: In place of sugar in baked goods, to sweeten tea, in salad dressings.

Swap out: White rice
Swap in: Quinoa

Why: White rice is highly processed and devoid of fibre and other nutrients. By replacing it with a grain-like superfood such as quinoa, you get great flavour plus fibre, manganese, and iron.

Use it: Cook as you would rice, simmering for approximately 15 minutes until water is absorbed. Use in a grain pilaf, as a hot cereal, in stir-fries and stews.

One more swap

Swap out: Breadcrumbs
Swap in: Ground almonds

Why? Breadcrumbs are typically made from nutrient-poor refined flour, negatively impacting our immunity and blood sugar levels. Ground almonds have the same appearance and texture as breadcrumbs, but they're rich in monounsaturated fats (the good fats that promote healthy hearts). These nuts are also super for promoting healthy skin, as they are packed with vitamin E.

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2 **Take a walk outside:** Nothing beats a good dose of fresh air and oxygen. Go for a walk.

3 **LOL: laugh out loud:** Laughing releases tension and is one of the best and easiest ways to work your abs.

4 **Have a power nap:** Ten minutes is enough to avoid mid-afternoon slumps

5 **Blow your nose:** Blocked sinuses could cause breathing problems both during the day and at night, leading to a fuzzy mind and or snoring.

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Thoughts on... Luck

ADVICE It is a prevalent belief that luck plays a factor in anyone achieving monumental success and riches.

But luck or chance are simply words used to define being in flow. When you are in flow with your life — luck will be there. Only when we are out of flow that luck seems to evade us or not even notice we are alive.

Life prefers individuals who can help themselves. So the next time you see someone doing well in life or living the life they worked hard to achieve — rather than say it was luck — simply ask the person how they did it and believe me what you hear will be contrary to what you thought.

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Ad hoc lunch in Rosedale

Petite Thuet's options aren't too exciting, but serve their purpose for a quick meal of pizza and soup

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▶ The thinly-sliced toppings on Petite Thuet's pizza fall short.

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LUNCH RUSH

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Marc Thuet, proprietor and celebrity chef, exits as we enter his Rosedale bakery.

It is a teeny place, with only a narrow counter and four seats.

It looks like there's a lot of selection, but much of it is refrigerated food for home — jarred soups, uncooked savoury pies, homemade sausages, patés.

For lunch here we have to ask about our options (there is no menu). We're told it's sandwiches, pizza and soup.

We ordered Pizza ($7) and Soup ($5).

The pizza crust, made from the same starter as the bread, is fresh and chewy.

The toppings — potato, bacon and tomato — sound delightful, but are sliced so thin they are indistinguishable on the thick bread.

French Onion Soup is made with care but rather bland.

The Raspberry Macaroon ($2) however, is superb.

I have a feeling the excitement lies in the prepared items you take home and desserts, not on-site lunch.

Sandwiches aren't just for lunch anymore

Preparation:

1 Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F) with racks in upper and lower thirds. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

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▶ Whoopie Pies

2 In a bowl, whisk milk into cocoa. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a bowl, using an electric mixer, beat sugar and butter until fluffy; beat in egg and vanilla. Using a spoon, stir in flour mixture alternately with milk mixture, making 3 additions of flour and 2 of milk, until blended.

3 Drop batter in 8 mounds onto 1 baking sheet, at least 7.5 cm (3 inches) apart; make 8 more on second sheet. Bake, switching pans on racks halfway, for about 15 minutes. Let cool on pan for 2 minutes. Transfer to rack to cool completely. Repeat to make 8 more, reusing 1 sheet; bake on middle rack.

4 **Filling:** In a small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over milk; let stand 5 minutes. Heat over medium-low heat, stirring, until gelatin is dissolved. Pour into a bowl; stir in sugar and vanilla and let cool to room temperature. In a chilled bowl, using an electric mixer, whip cream until almost stiff peaks; gradually beat in milk mixture. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

5 To assemble, spread flat side of half the cakes with filling. Sandwich with remaining cakes. Decorate as desired.

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Ingredients:

Whoopie Pies
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 250 ml (1 cup) milk
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking soda
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 250 ml (1 cup) sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla

Filling
- 10 ml (2 tsp) unflavoured gelatin powder
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) milk
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) icing sugar
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla
- 250 ml (1 cup) 35 per cent whipping cream

Argentina's wine scene

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Raise your glass if you remember life before the Internet. Back then if you wanted to learn about something, you had to read a book.

Call me old fashioned, but I still love the smell and feel of freshly printed text and have found it kind of sad that while cookbooks seem to be thriving, the release of great wine books has become few and far between.

That's what makes Vino Argentino: An Insider's Guide to the Wines and Wine Country of Argentina (Chronicle Books, $31.95) by Laura Catena such a breath of fresh air.

Not only is it the first really comprehensive volume on the exploding Argentinean wine scene; Catena explores in great detail (and with much love) wine's relationship to Argentina's culture and food.

Her father, Nicolás Catena, owns Catena Zapata in Mendoza — one of Argentina's premier wineries, which I had a chance to tour.

Though the selection of Catena Zapata wines varies across the country, I recommend trying any of them, especially their entry level juice.

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▶ Stephane Goulet, left, and Samantha Fraser, a couple who practice open marriage, are featured in the CBC documentary Thoroughly Modern Marriage.

DOES MARRIAGE STILL MATTER IN CANADA?

When it comes to marriage, the times certainly are changing in Canada. For the first time in Canadian history, single people outnumber married people. Thoroughly Modern Marriage, a documentary by filmmaker Sue Ridout, takes a closer look at the institution of matrimony in our country. Metro recently had a chance to interview Ridout.

We know that single people in Canada outnumber married people right now. But we also know that there has been a 33 per cent increase in mixed-race couples in Canada in less than a decade. So how will Canada's growing multiculturalism affect marriage numbers in the future?

Multiculturalism certainly does have an effect on the marriage rate, but not to such an extent that we'd see a pronounced spike in the numbers. The number of families headed up by married couples in Toronto and Vancouver, for example, tends to be slightly higher than the average number for the rest of the country, and Statistics Canada attributes that to the high rates of immigration to those two cities.

Immigrants are more likely to get married than native-born Canadians, but it is also true that as the number of common-law couples continues to rise, and the number of arranged marriages in immigrant groups continues to decline, the overall effect on the national marriage rate will not be huge.

Compared to other G8 countries, where do you think Canada ranks in terms of our marriage numbers?

It sounds very Canadian, but Canada tends to sit somewhere in the middle.

The US marriage rate is usually about double that of Canada — Americans are much more conservative in their attitudes towards marriage vs. cohabitation, but it should be added that while they get married more, they also get divorced more, too. Canada's rates of marriage and cohabitation are always affected by the inclusion of Quebec, which overwhelmingly rejects marriage in favour of common-law unions.

Overall, Canada's statistics on marriage, divorce and cohabitation tend to be somewhere between a more conservative US, and a less conservative Europe & the UK.

Marriage is seen as a status symbol for many. As well, there is a multi-billion dollar industry devoted to it. So, how would the world be different if marriage didn't exist? Do you think we need marriage in society?

Marriage hasn't always been a status symbol, but it certainly is today and I think that's tied into our quest for personal fulfillment.

We see it as the capstone, as a way of telling our friends and families that we have "made it" and can now celebrate our partnerships.

In the old days, young people were married off by their families in a union that was seen as a way of advancing economically and socially. For a woman, it was important to make a "good" marriage and marry a man whose family was better off than yours.

Thoroughly Modern Marriage airs this Thursday at 9 p.m. on CBC's Doc Zone.

Now, because of longer post-secondary education and a tighter job market, people are waiting longer — five years on average, which statistically is significant — to get married, and their families have less and less to do with it. They start a career, they buy a condo or house, they even have children together — and then they say to one another, this seems to be working out and we're settled now, so why not get married? It's become a symbol of personal achievement.

The number of common-law unions may be climbing, but many of them still culminate in a marriage. Seventy five to 80 per cent of Canadians still get married at some point in their lives. METRO

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Alison's Money Rule: If you want to know how and why money is spent, look to women.

Women are lousy drivers, shopaholics and emotional. These are all well-worn stereotypes in the gender game.

Here are a couple more: women aren't good with money and we are intimidated by financial issues.

But, when the stereotype is subjected to the hard light of research, a female of a whole different order emerges.

According to a new survey commissioned by Barbara Stewart (CFA), portfolio manager with Cumberland Private Wealth Management in Toronto, women today more closely resemble Rosie the Riveter in the realm of money than any blonde moment stereotype.

63%

Number of women who feel confident about their financial management capabilities.

We're strong, confident, involved and in control.

After reading the results of a national Angus Reid Public Opinion poll released in December, one can only come to a single conclusion — women are the boss of money.

Stewart, who has been advising high net worth clients for 15 years, had heard all the stereotypes about women and money and she was sick of them.

And it irked her that much in the delivery of financial services to women was based on the stereotypes of a gentler, more conservative and fearful sex.

The survey, conducted in conjunction with six focus groups led by Stewart and 25 in-depth interviews, includes one jaw dropping stat — 89 per cent of respondents laid claim to being the final decision maker on all matters of household spending.

Equally interesting, the same percentage indicated that financial decisions should be made in conjunction with their life partner. But only 51 per cent of respondents actually walked the walk and consulted with their mates about spending decisions.

Household spending is a mammoth area. We're not just talking about cereal and soap.

It's everything from clothes and renovations to electronics, recreation, medical and education. In 2009, household spending averaged more than $71,000 per family, according to Statistics Canada. And women run the show.

My own informal research shows that women are increasingly making the decisions in the investment arena.

▶ According to StatsCan, household spending averaged over $71,000 per family in 2009.

That means anyone with RRSP investment products to sell over the next six weeks had better pay attention to the fairer sex.

Fun and Frugal

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Another affordable way to access art is to volunteer — join a fundraising committee for your local art gallery, teach an acting class, donate to a painting program, or write articles for a travel magazine.

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Philip hands out Metro newspapers every morning at Kipling Station, and describes his experience with Metro as "my best work experience by far" and attributes it to the amazing readers he encounters as well as the ongoing support and encouragement he receives from Metro.
He comments, "I've memorized a handful of faces by now, and look forward to encountering their warm greetings and caring smiles every morning...it's what usually gets me through the sometimes harsh Toronto weather."
Philip says that being a Metro Ambassador allows him to live out his "current" mission in life: to have fun at work and live a life without regret or worry. His constant enthusiasm has been acknowledged and appreciated by readers on a regular basis. Some have taken the time to contact Metro and describe Philip as "awesome", "wonderfully pleasant" and "the friendliest guy ever".
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▶ Journalism student Marie Waine is struggling to decide whether or not to veer off her chosen academic path.

Throwing in the towel on the old college try?

Advisers emphasize that help is out there, students simply have to ask

It's the countdown toward the end of first year for tens of thousands of Canadian university and college students, and statistics show one in seven is contemplating dropping out before graduation.

Some are too broke to continue. Others feel they've picked the wrong program. Still more are buckling under the strain to keep up with the course load.

Marie Waine, 18, of Markham, Ont., had an appointment yesterday with student services in order to decide whether she should jump ship.

Halfway through her first year of journalism school at Ottawa's Carleton University, Waine says the program isn't what she thought it would be.

"I'm kinda mulling it over," said Waine. "I'm trying to keep an open mind about it because I don't want to make any fast or hasty decisions."

"It's very hard at 17 to realize what those programs mean and what it means to study within an academic discipline and whether you're actually going to like it or not."

TANYA LEWIS, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Tanya Lewis, director of academic success and accessibility services at the University of Toronto, said life on campus can be a big adjustment for many students.

"It's very hard at 17 to realize what those programs mean and what it means to study within an academic discipline and whether you're actually going to like it or not," Lewis said.

Some students have a tendency to say "it's just not for me" rather than ask for direction.

But help is available for those who are struggling, whether it be tips on how to study better, plan a career, navigate the university or learn from senior students – if only they would ask for it.

A pending report by three Ontario colleges will provide a blueprint for post-secondary officials on how to identify potential dropouts and keep them in class.

The Foundations for Success report concludes that the key to keeping floundering students in school is to convince them to use support services colleges and universities offer.

The report, by Seneca, Confederation and Mohawk, surveyed students about their understanding of what career their chosen program would land them as well as what study requirements were involved.

Students who didn't understand what they were getting into were more at risk of quitting, said Fiona Bain-Greenwood, chairwoman of English and Liberal Studies at Seneca College in Toronto.

Bain-Greenwood said first-year Seneca students are now invited to meet with a co-ordinator to get a rundown on all the services the college offers to support them so they don't end up dropping out. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Marino advances, Dancevic downed

Vancouver's Rebecca Marino advanced into the second round of the Australian Open yesterday, while Canadian qualifier Frank Dancevic was outplayed in his opening match by No. 28 Richard Gasquet, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Marino, ranked 106th in the world, won her second career Grand Slam match, defeating Japan's Junri Namigata 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

The 20-year-old Marino, who failed to qualify at preliminary WTA events this month in Brisbane and Sydney, will face her second top-10 opponent is as many majors when she plays French Open champion and sixth seed Francesca Schiavone in the second round.

Marino lost to Venus Williams at last year's U.S. Open after advancing to the second round as a qualifier.

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Jays add Rauch to bullpen

The Toronto Blue Jays signed free-agent reliever Jon Rauch to a $3.5-million US, one-year deal.

The agreement includes a one-year club option worth $3.75 million.

The six-foot-11 right-hander posted a 3-1 record with a career-high 21 saves and a 3.12 ERA for the Minnesota Twins last year.

Rauch, 32, joins newcomer Octavio Dotel in Toronto's remade bullpen and gives the club another option for a closer. Kevin Gregg, Toronto's closer last season, recently signed with Baltimore.

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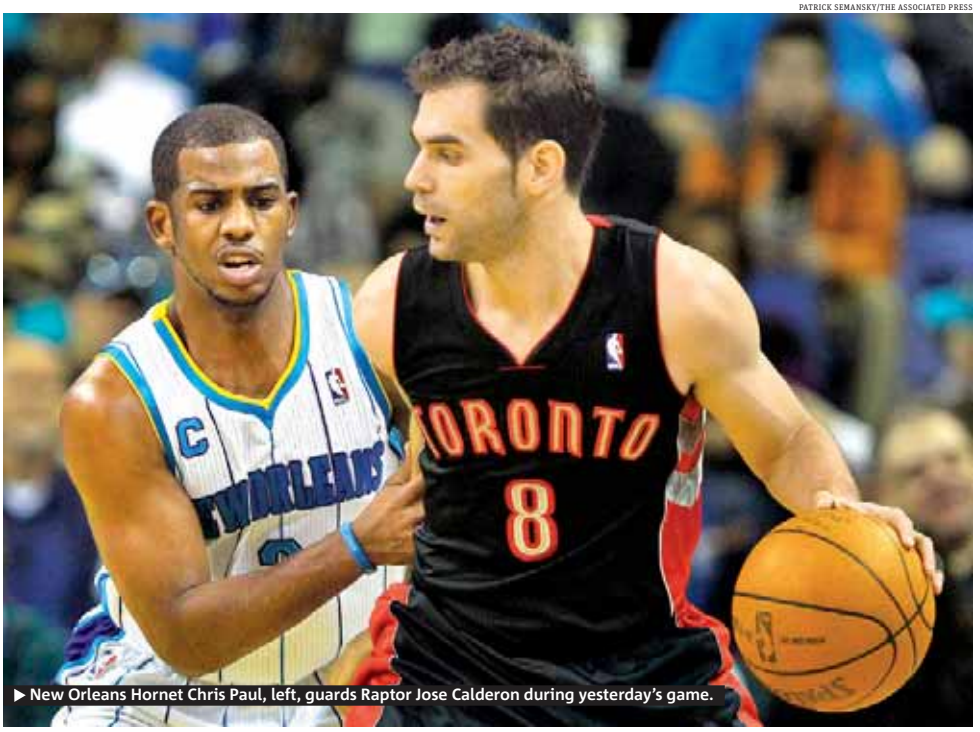

▶ New Orleans Hornet Chris Paul, left, guards Raptor Jose Calderon during yesterday's game.

Hornets push back for a win

Raptors let 12-point, third-quarter lead slip away en route to their fourth-straight loss ◐ PF West leads Hornets to win, scoring final 7 points

85	81
HORNETS	RAPTORS

David West's clutch shooting and defence in the final minutes helped the New Orleans Hornets survive an upset bid by the Toronto Raptors.

West had 23 points and 10 rebounds, and the Hornets beat the Raptors 85-81 yesterday for their fifth straight win.

West's jumper with 31.7 seconds left put New Orleans ahead 83-81. He then preserved the lead with a block on Amir Johnson in the paint, got the rebound, was fouled and hit two free throws for the final margin.

Former Raptor Jarrett Jack added 17 points — 15 in the second half — while Chris Paul had 11 assists.

DeMar DeRozen led all Toronto scorers with 23 points.

Toronto was without starting forward Linas Kleiza. Coach Jay Triano chose to start former Hornets first-round draft choice Julian Wright, who had 11 points and six rebounds in Kleiza's place.

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Sloppy Raptors

The Raptors shot 44.6 per cent to the Hornets' 39 per cent yesterday.

- **Toronto** had 16 turnovers and allowed 19 offensive rebounds, which led to 15 second-chance points.
- **Former Hornet** Jarryd Bayless missed his second straight game with a sore left ankle.

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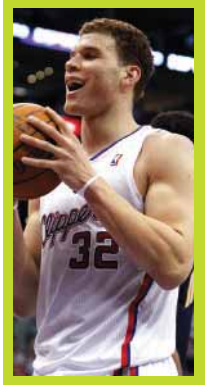

"It's cool because all I hear is, 'He can dunk and jumps high ... People question the other skills and as a basketball player, you take that personally"

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS' ROOKIE POWER FORWARD BLAKE GRIFFIN AFTER SCORING A CAREER-HIGH 47 POINTS TO GO WITH 14 REBOUNDS IN A 114-107 WIN OVER THE INDIANA PACERS YESTERDAY.

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Jets' win has Steelers feeling right at home

Playing for AFC crown in Pittsburgh is something team has done eight times in the last 17 years

▶ Steeler Brett Keisel celebrates with fans Sunday.

After dispatching the Baltimore Ravens 31-24 in the AFC divisional round Saturday, it appeared the Pittsburgh Steelers were headed to New England for a date with the mighty Patriots.

They should have known better.

After all, this is becoming old hat in the Steel City, isn't it? Clearly, they know the drill by now: Get the No. 2 seed in the AFC, watch the No. 1 seed fall flat, then get the AFC championship game in their backyard.

In fact — thanks to the New York Jets and their 28-21 upset of the Patriots on Sunday — the Steelers will get to host the title game for the fourth consecutive time that they've been a No. 2 seed.

Pretty strange, indeed. But, hey, the Steelers aren't about to complain.

"It's better to play at home," safety Ryan Clark said. "It's huge."

The Steelers, after all, have played in eight AFC title games over the past 17 years, and all but one has been staged on Pittsburgh's North Shore. To put that in perspective, no other team can match hosting the AFC championship seven times over the entire course of the game's history, dating back to 1970. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retirement 3.0

Brett Favre is following through on that vow to finally end his career after 20 NFL seasons.

- League spokesman Greg Aiello confirmed that the Minnesota quarterback had filed his retirement papers with the NFL.
- The 41-year-old Favre also filed retirement papers in 2008 and 2009, but both times returned to play football the next fall.

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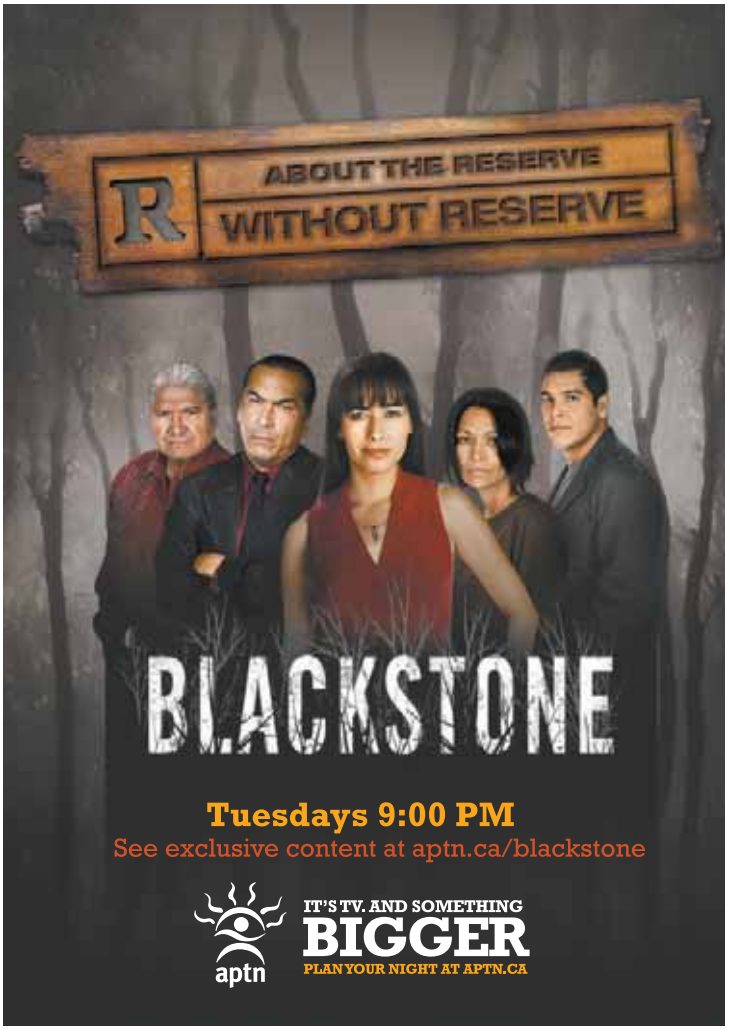

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STATISTICS

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Not including yesterday's games

ANAHEIM

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Perry	48	23	26	49	4	82
Selanne	39	14	27	41	2	22
Visnovsky	47	8	31	39	6	16
Getzlaf	40	13	24	37	3	27
Ryan	48	21	15	36	8	47
Koivu	47	11	13	24	-6	28
Fowler	42	3	20	23	-12	10
Lydman	44	2	17	19	25	16
Blake	46	9	8	17	-3	29
Lupul	20	4	6	10	-5	14
Lapierre	44	5	4	9	-12	68
McMillan	26	4	5	9	0	2
Beleskey	23	3	5	8	-4	32
Sexton	22	3	5	8	-7	2
Lilja	33	1	4	5	-9	20
Marchant	47	0	5	5	-12	14
Parros	47	3	1	4	-3	101
Sbisa	34	2	2	4	-8	20
Sutton	25	0	3	3	-6	51
Mara	32	1	1	2	-1	38
Chipchura	28	0	2	2	0	27
Brookbank	22	0	0	0	-1	43
Voros	11	0	0	0	-4	43
Hiller	42	0	1	1	0	0
McElhinney	13	0	0	0	0	0

ATLANTA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Byfuglien	47	16	25	41	5	45
Enstrom	47	8	32	40	2	28
Ladd	47	16	22	38	-4	14
Kane	42	13	13	26	-1	44
Peverley	47	12	14	26	-12	29
Stewart	47	10	16	26	0	45
Little	41	12	13	25	12	25
Bergfors	36	9	16	25	-1	4
Antropov	41	7	14	21	-9	24
Burmistrov	47	5	10	15	-3	23
Thorburn	47	5	10	15	-4	14
Oduya	47	2	12	14	-13	14
Slater	36	5	7	12	4	19
Eager	34	3	7	10	4	77
Modin	28	7	2	9	-9	8
Boulton	41	5	3	8	3	38
Bogosian	39	3	5	8	-12	21
Hainsey	47	1	5	6	6	12
Sopel	46	1	4	5	2	0
Cormier	9	1	1	2	0	0
Stapleton	11	0	0	0	-2	2
Meyer	8	0	0	0	-5	8
Dawes	6	0	0	0	-6	0
Machacek	3	0	0	0	-2	0
Welch	2	0	0	0	-1	0
Pavelec	33	0	0	0	0	2
Mason	19	0	0	0	0	2
Mannino	1	0	0	0	0	0

BOSTON

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Bergeron	44	14	20	34	16	16
Lucic	41	16	12	28	11	58
Krejci	37	7	21	28	10	13
Horton	42	12	15	27	15	39
Recchi	44	9	18	27	8	19
Ryder	44	13	13	26	-2	10
Chara	44	7	14	21	18	45
Wheeler	44	10	10	20	8	24
Seidenberg	44	3	17	20	5	19
Marchand	41	9	10	19	15	20
Seguin	42	7	9	16	2	10
Campbell	42	5	10	15	3	29
Thornton	44	7	3	10	3	74
Savard	21	2	6	8	-7	29
Caron	20	3	4	7	4	6
Ference	43	2	5	7	18	46
Boychuk	34	0	7	7	9	13
Kampfer	18	4	2	6	4	2
McQuaid	31	0	5	5	11	47
Paille	21	0	4	4	-2	9
Stuart	26	0	2	2	3	23
Bartkowski	2	0	0	0	-1	2
Arniel	1	0	0	0	-1	0
Thomas	31	0	3	3	0	4
Rask	15	0	0	0	0	0

BUFFALO

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Vanek	44	17	18	35	-12	12
Roy	35	10	25	35	-1	6
Leopold	44	10	16	26	-5	22
Stafford	29	15	8	23	-3	22
Pominville	35	8	15	23	-9	9
Ennis	44	10	11	21	-7	16
Connolly	32	6	12	18	-12	12
Hecht	44	7	10	17	-8	20
Myers	42	5	12	17	-3	24
Gaustad	44	4	10	14	5	67
Montador	44	4	10	14	11	63
McCormick	43	6	7	13	3	98
Sekera	43	1	11	12	-6	14
Grier	44	2	7	9	1	10
Gerbe	27	2	7	9	2	8
Kaleta	36	4	4	8	1	46
Niedermayer	35	0	8	8	-3	18
Weber	23	2	3	5	8	40
Adam	18	3	1	4	-4	10
Rivet	23	1	2	3	-5	12
Butler	21	0	3	3	-1	10
Morrisonn	30	0	2	2	-7	16
Mancari	3	0	1	1	-1	0
Ellis	6	0	0	0	-3	2
Stuart	3	0	0	0	1	2
Miller	35	0	0	0	0	2
Enroth	5	0	0	0	0	0
Lalime	6	0	1	1	0	0

CALGARY

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Iginla	45	18	22	40	-9	30
Tanguay	45	10	22	32	-3	16
Bourque	43	12	17	29	-4	32
Jokinen	42	8	16	24	-12	32
Giordano	45	4	18	22	-8	40
Hagman	44	9	12	21	-2	20
Babchuk	45	6	15	21	0	22
Morrison	45	5	16	21	1	16
Stajan	39	3	17	20	8	14
Glencross	42	10	7	17	-4	44
Bouwmeester	45	4	11	15	4	28
Moss	32	8	5	13	5	12
Jackman	45	6	7	13	1	70
Backlund	37	4	5	9	3	10
Kostopoulos	42	4	4	8	-1	54
Sarich	39	1	7	8	6	35
Regehr	42	0	5	5	8	32
Pardy	20	0	3	3	4	20
Conroy	18	2	0	2	-1	8
Kotalik	17	2	0	2	-6	6
Staios	15	1	1	2	-1	20
Mikkelson	22	0	2	2	-6	7
Meyer	16	0	2	2	0	17
Sutter	4	0	1	1	-1	5
Brodie	3	0	0	0	-3	2
Ivanans	1	0	0	0	-1	5
Kiprusoff	37	0	0	0	0	0
Karlsson	10	0	0	0	0	0

CAROLINA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Staal	44	22	24	46	-6	34
Skinner	44	16	20	36	2	14
Ruutu	44	12	24	36	-2	28
Jokinen	38	10	23	33	3	12
Cole	44	12	13	25	5	23
Corvo	44	6	14	20	-4	14
Samsonov	39	8	11	19	1	8
Pitkanen	37	2	16	18	4	31
LaRose	44	8	9	17	-10	34
McBain	44	2	14	16	-1	22
Rafalski	34	4	12	16	-1	22
Bertuzzi	44	7	7	14	7	10
Filppula	43	11	16	27	1	14
Cleary	44	2	9	11	-4	47
Holmstrom	39	1	5	6	-4	31
Kronwall	45	8	14	22	3	22
Helm	45	4	15	19	9	8
Eaves	37	12	3	15	1	10
Hudler	40	4	10	14	-7	10
Stuart	41	3	9	12	7	26
Ericsson	37	3	9	12	11	50
Miller	38	3	8	11	4	14
Boschker	37	3	8	11	12	36
Modano	20	2	6	8	-3	6
Draper	17	4	2	6	2	2
Salei	44	0	6	6	2	34
Mursak	10	1	0	1	-3	4
Tatar	6	1	0	1	-1	0
Kindl	17	1	0	1	-2	12
Janik	7	0	0	0	-2	2
Howard	34	0	1	1	0	2
Osgood	11	0	0	0	0	4
MacDonald	4	0	0	0	0	0

CHICAGO

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Sharp	46	25	19	44	-7	22
Toews	45	17	20	37	9	14
Kane	38	13	22	35	-5	12
Keith	46	8	21	29	-6	42
Seabrook	47	3	23	26	-1	28
Keith	47	3	23	26	-3	18
Brouwer	47	13	12	25	4	18
Hossa	32	10	15	25	7	16
Bolland	40	9	12	21	7	28
Hall	34	9	11	20	1	10
Whitney	35	2	25	27	13	33
Eberle	37	9	14	23	-4	4
Paajarvi	42	5	11	16	1	12
Horcoff	24	7	8	15	4	14
Cogliano	44	6	9	15	-10	35
Jones	44	10	4	14	-3	15
Gilbert	44	5	9	14	-12	24
Foster	41	3	11	14	-9	33
Brule	34	6	2	8	-7	33
Omark	15	2	6	8	-3	10
Peckham	41	2	5	7	-4	92
Vandermeer	26	1	4	5	1	16
Smid	40	0	5	5	-8	41
Reddox	7	0	4	4	1	0
Fraser	44	2	1	3	-2	2
O'Marra	9	1	2	3	0	2
Stortini	27	0	3	3	-3	52
Jacques	22	2	0	2	-1	8
MacIntyre	14	0	1	1	0	42
Petry	9	0	1	1	2	0
Chorney	4	0	1	1	0	2
Trudwick	21	0	0	0	-7	12
Belle	5	0	0	0	-2	0
Khabibulin	29	0	0	0	0	2
Dubnyk	15	0	0	0	0	2
Gerber	2	0	1	1	0	0

COLORADO

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Duchene	45	18	25	43	7	21
Stastny	43	16	22	38	1	28
Hejduk	38	14	23	37	-3	12
Giles	45	5	26	31	11	25
Fleischmann	44	12	18	30	3	18
Jones	42	14	12	26	1	20
Stewart	24	11	14	25	-2	36
Shattenkirk	33	5	15	20	-4	16
Winnik	44	7	9	16	5	22
Booth	39	7	8	15	-6	29
O'Reilly	45	5	10	15	6	8
Porter	39	9	5	14	10	14
Galiardi	27	7	6	13	1	12
Dupuis	43	3	9	12	6	21
Mauldin	29	5	5	10	5	8
Wilson	36	3	7	10	9	24
McLeod	34	4	2	6	-2	99
Hunwick	44	1	5	6	-5	17
O'Byrne	34	0	6	6	13	37
Foote	33	0	6	6	-1	23
Cumiskey	11	1	4	5	0	8
Holos	16	0	3	3	5	2
Gulik	5	1	1	2	3	2
Olver	4	0	2	2	1	2
Koci	10	1	0	1	1	7
Liffiton	4	1	0	1	3	17
Quincey	21	0	1	1	-5	18
Anderson	25	0	1	1	0	4
Budaj	22	0	1	1	0	2

COLUMBUS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Nash	44	21	18	39	0	14
Umberger	45	15	15	30	2	26
Brassard	45	10	17	27	-3	24
Voracek	43	9	19	28	2	16
Vermette	45	9	15	24	-1	38
Tyutin	43	3	12	15	-3	20
Methot	40	0	15	15	5	30
Huselius	23	9	5	14	-14	6
Clark	38	5	8	13	-2	23
Smyth	30	4	7	11	-2	16
Klesla	42	3	7	10	11	24
Stralman	34	0	10	10	-5	16
Pahlsson	45	3	6	9	-7	22
Russell	38	2	7	9	-8	14
Boll	36	4	4	8	-1	119
Hejda	43	2	6	8	-11	16
Dorsett	42	2	5	7	-13	93
Clifford	40	3	4	7	-3	8
Ponikarovsky	25	3	4	7	1	12
Martinez	24	2	5	7	-2	12
Lewis	34	2	3	5	-7	4
Mitchell	19	1	4	5	3	5
Drewiske	36	0	5	5	-1	19
Johansen	18	1	3	4	3	4
Parse	5	1	2	3	0	2
Wilson	6	0	3	3	0	0
Moller	4	1	2	3	1	0
Westgarth	33	0	3	3	-5	59
Loktionov	7	1	1	2	-1	2
Greene	33	0	2	2	-1	36
Schenn	8	0	2	2	-1	0
Muzzin	11	0	1	1	-2	0
King	6	0	0	0	-2	2
Zeller	4	0	0	0	-1	0
Quick	33	0	1	1	0	0
Bernier	13	0	0	0	0	0

DALLAS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Richards	45	18	34	52	9	20
Eriksson	45	16	32	48	17	4
Ribeiro	45	9	30	39	2	12
Neal	45	18	16	34	13	37
Morrow	45	18	13	31	2	35
Benn	42	12	17	29	-2	32
Robidas	44	3	18	21	9	51
Ott	45	9	10	19	-6	108
Daley	45	5	13	18	-11	20
Langenbrunner	34	4	10	14	-13	23
Segal	36	4	5	9	0	34
Burish	45	5	2	7	1	56
Wozwitka	29	1	5	6	7	16
Grossman	43	0	6	6	0	31
Niskanen	36	0	6	6	0	23
Skrastins	41	2	3	5	1	26
Wandell	42	3	1	4	-3	6
Sutherby	34	2	2	4	-4	47
Fistric	28	2	1	3	-1	24
Petersen	34	1	2	3	-7	6
Barch	25	1	1	2	-5	51
Gagnon	7	0	2	2	2	0
Larsen	6	0	2	2	1	0
Lehtonen	34	0	3	3	0	2
Raycroft	13	0	0	0	0	0
Bachman	1	0	0	0	0	0

DETROIT

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Zetterberg	45	16	34	50	8	24
Lidstrom	45	11	31	42	-1	12
Datsyuk	33	12	27	39	8	11
Franzen	44	19	15	34	3	22
Rafalski	34	4	27	31	16	14
Bertuzzi	45	7	21	28	0	32
Filppula	43	11	16	27	1	14
Cleary	35	16	10	26	6	8
Holmstrom	44	11	11	22	1	40
Kronwall	45	8	14	22	3	22
Helm	45	4	15	19	9	8
Eaves	37	12	3	15	1	10
Hudler	40	4	10	14	-7	10
Stuart	41	3	9	12	7	26
Ericsson	37	3	9	12	11	50
Miller	38	3	8	11	4	14
Boschker	37	3	8	11	12	36
Modano	20	2	6	8	-3	6
Draper	17	4	2	6	2	2
Salei	44	0	6	6	2	34
Mursak	10	1	0	1	-3	4
Tatar	6	1	0	1	-1	0
Kindl	17	1	0	1	-2	12
Janik	7	0	0	0	-2	2
Howard	34	0	1	1	0	2
Osgood	11	0	0	0	0	4
MacDonald	4	0	0	0	0	0

EDMONTON

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Penner	44	14	15	29	-6	31
Hemsky	31	9	20	29	4	10
Gagner	44	11	17	28	-8	19
Hall	44	13	14	27	-7	10
Whitney	35	2	25	27	13	33
Eberle	37	9	14	23	-4	4
Paajarvi	42	5	11	16	1	12
Horcoff	24	7	8	15	4	14
Cogliano	44	6	9	15	-10	35
Jones	44	10	4	14	-3	15
Gilbert	44	5	9	14	-12	24
Foster	41	3	11	14	-9	33
Brule	34	6	2	8	-7	33
Omark	15	2	6	8	-3	10
Peckham	41	2	5	7	-4	92
Vandermeer	26	1	4	5	1	16
Smid	40	0	5	5	-8	41
Reddox	7	0	4	4	1	0
Fraser	44	2	1	3	-2	2
O'Marra	9	1	2	3	0	2
Stortini	27	0	3	3	-3	52
Jacques	22	2	0	2	-1	8
MacIntyre	14	0	1	1	0	42
Petry	9	0	1	1	2	0
Chorney	4	0	1	1	0	2
Trudwick	21	0	0	0	-7	12
Belle	5	0	0	0	-2	0
Khabibulin	29	0	0	0	0	2
Dubnyk	15	0	0	0	0	2
Gerber	2	0	1	1	0	0

FLORIDA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Weiss	42	13	18	31	2	24
Frolik	42	8	18	26	8	12
Booth	43	13	12	25	-8	31
Santorelli	43	12	11	23	-3	10
Wideman	43	5	18	23	-12	21
McCabe	43	5	16	21	7	26
Reasoner	43	9	10	19	9	16
Higgins	34	8	8	16	9	8
Dvorak	34	6	8	14	3	14
Stralman	29	4	10	14	6	12
Matthias	41	5	8	13	-2	16
Kulikov	42	4	9	13	9	22
Olesz	26	3	9	12	-1	6
Dadonov	17	4	7	11	2	12
Bernier	35	4	6	10	-8	10
Reinprecht	29	4	6	10	-2	6
Allen	34	3	6	9	4	31
Weaver	43	1	8	9	1	14
Garrison	34	2	4	6	2	8
Thomas	13	2	3	5	2	4
Ellerby	17	0	4	4	5	6
Hordichuk	32	1	2	3	2	39
Repik	8	1	1	2	-4	4
McArdle	5	0	0	0	0	11
Callahan	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vokoun	33	0	1	1	0	2
Clemmensen	14	0	0	0	0	0

LOS ANGELES

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Kopitar	44	16	30	46	14	12
Brown	44	17	19	36	13	43
Williams	44	16	20	36	14	45
Johnson	44	4	28	32	-6	36
Smyth	44	17	12	29	-5	20
Stoll	44	13	16	29	6	18
Doughty	38	3	21	24	13	30
Handzus	44	7	11	18	-2	16
Simmonds	44	9	8	17	-3	56
Scuderi	44	1	11	12	14	12
Richardson	38	6	3	9	-8	19
Sturm	13	4	4	8	6	17
Clifford	40	3	4	7	12	6
Ponikarovsky	25	3	4	7	1	12
Martinez	24	2	5	7	-2	12
Lewis	34	2	3	5	-7	4
Mitchell	19	1	4	5	3	5
Drewiske	36	0	5	5	-1	19
Johansen	18	1	3	4	3	4
Parse	5	1	2	3	0	2
Wilson	6	0	3	3	0	0
Moller	4	1	2	3	1	0
Westgarth	33	0	3	3	-5	59
Loktionov	7	1	1	2	-1	2
Greene	33	0	2	2	-1	36
Schenn	8	0	2	2	-1	0
Muzzin	11	0	1	1	-2	0
King	6	0	0	0	-2	2
Zeller	4	0	0	0	-1	0
Quick	33	0	1	1	0	0
Bernier	13	0	0	0	0	0

MINNESOTA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Havlat	45	11	28	39	-3	24
Koivu	45	11	27	38	5	32
Burns	43	12	14	26	-7	47
Cullen	42	9	17	26	0	14
Brunette	45	11	13	24	-7	10
Miettinen	36	8	14	22	-8	16
Zidlicky	30	4	16	20	0	22
Clutterbuck	44	13	6	19	0	28
Brodziak	45	9	5	14	-1	30
Madden	43	6	7	13	-11	6
Schultz	42	3	10	13	0	28
Bouchard	22	2	9	11	-2	2
DiPietro	31	7	2	9	-1	13
O'Sullivan	31	2	6	8	-2	4
Latendresse	8	3	3	6	2	8
Barker	36	1	4	5	-11	18
Nystrom	45	1	3	4	-13	24
Stoner	23	1	2	3	3	28
Zanon	45	0	2	2	1	24
Staubitz	37	0	2	2	-3	68
Falk	18	0	2	2	-1	6
Scandella	16	0	2	2	-5	2
Wellman	12	0	1	1	-1	4
Spurgeon	17	0	0	0	-2	2
Earl	6	0	0	0	-3	0
Almond	4	0	0	0	-1	0
Kassian	4	0	0	0	-1	12
Gillies	3	0	0	0	0	2
Peters	2	0	0	0	0	2
Backstrom	26	0	0	0	0	2
Theodore	18	0	0	0	0	0
Khudobin	3	0	0	0	0	0

MONTREAL

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Plekanec	44	14	21	35	6	38
Wisniewski	40	5	25	30	-17	22
Cammalleri	42	12	17	29	5	27
Gionta	45	15	9	24	-3	8
Kostitsyn	44	11	13	24	-8	18
Gomez	43	6	16	22	-9	16
Pouliot	44	9	11	20	4	24
Hamrlik	42	4	15	19	1	42
Halpern	45	6	11	17	4	21
Darche	39	7	9	16	7	8
Subban	40	3	12	15	-1	57
Spacek	45	1	12	13	5	26
Moen	44	3	4	7	-4	61
Pacioretty	15	3	4	7	-4	23
Gorges	36	1	6	7	-3	18
Picard	31	3	3	6	1	8
Eller	41	2	4	6	-1	28
Pyatt	37	1	3	4	-4	2
Markov	7	1	2	3	5	6
Gill	45	0	3	3	-7	29
Weber	16	0	3	3	-1	2
Desharnais	6	1	1	2	0	0
Boyd	10	1	0	1	-6	2
Price	40	0	1	1	0	0
Auld	6	0	0	0	0	2

NASHVILLE

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Weber	45	8	20	28	7	38
Hornqvist	42	13	10	23	-3	20
Kostitsyn	41	11	12	23	0	8
Wilson	45	11	11	22	6	6
Suter	34	1	21	22	18	22
Goc	34	10	10	20	4	22
O'Reilly	39	8	11	19	8	4
Erat	38	6	12	18	6	14
Ward	29	6	12	18	6	14
Franson	45	5	10	15	1	26
Legwand	43	5	10	15	2	12
Dumont	27	5	10	15	2	12
Klein	45	6	7	13	1	14
Tootoo	44	2	9	11	3	15
Bouillon	32	2	4	6	-2	32
Smithson	44	1	9	10	-3	27
Spaling	45	5	4	9	1

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	45	29	11	2	3	155	120	63	13-6-0-2	16-5-2-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Boston	45	25	13	2	5	139	101	57	12-8-1-2	13-5-1-3	5-2-1-2	W1
d-Tampa Bay	46	26	15	3	2	137	148	57	13-4-1-1	13-11-2-1	4-5-0-0	L2
Pittsburgh	46	28	14	2	2	146	109	60	14-9-1-0	14-5-1-2	4-4-0-2	W2
Washington	46	25	14	4	3	131	121	57	16-5-2-3	9-9-2-0	5-2-2-1	W1
Montreal	46	26	17	3	0	117	111	55	16-6-3-0	10-11-0-0	6-3-1-0	W2
NY Rangers	47	26	18	2	1	132	115	55	11-10-1-1	15-8-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Atlanta	48	23	18	3	4	146	153	53	11-9-1-2	12-9-2-2	4-5-1-0	W1
Carolina	45	22	17	2	4	135	142	50	11-7-1-1	11-10-1-3	5-3-2-0	L1
Florida	44	21	20	1	2	121	116	45	11-8-1-2	10-12-0-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Buffalo	44	19	20	5	0	121	131	43	10-11-1-0	9-9-4-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Toronto	44	18	21	2	3	114	132	41	9-10-2-2	9-11-0-1	5-4-0-1	L2
Ottawa	46	17	23	4	2	102	142	40	9-13-1-1	8-10-3-1	3-6-0-1	L2
NY Islanders	44	14	23	3	4	108	148	35	8-9-1-3	6-14-2-1	4-5-0-1	L1
New Jersey	45	13	29	2	1	90	140	29	7-13-1-1	6-16-0-0	4-5-2-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	45	29	10	3	3	149	109	64	15-3-1-2	14-7-2-1	7-2-0-1	L1
d-Detroit	45	28	11	4	2	157	131	62	14-5-3-1	14-6-1-1	6-2-1-1	W1
d-Dallas	46	28	13	1	4	135	119	61	15-6-1-3	13-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W5
Phoenix	46	23	14	6	3	134	130	55	10-6-3-2	13-8-3-1	6-2-1-1	L1
Nashville	45	24	15	4	2	119	109	54	11-4-3-2	13-11-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
Chicago	47	25	18	2	2	150	130	54	16-11-0-0	9-7-2-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	48	25	19	2	2	129	135	54	17-7-0-1	8-12-2-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Colorado	45	23	16	6	0	148	143	52	12-8-3-0	11-8-3-0	4-4-2-0	W1
San Jose	47	23	19	4	1	136	133	51	11-10-2-1	12-9-2-0	3-7-0-0	W2
Los Angeles	45	24	20	1	0	133	115	49	15-8-1-0	9-12-0-0	2-8-0-0	L1
Minnesota	45	22	18	1	4	113	127	49	11-11-0-2	11-7-1-2	6-4-0-0	W1
St. Louis	44	21	17	2	4	119	128	48	14-8-0-2	7-9-2-2	4-5-0-1	W1
Columbus	45	21	20	3	1	118	142	46	12-10-0-1	9-10-3-0	4-5-1-0	L1
Calgary	46	20	20	2	4	126	137	46	11-8-0-1	8-12-2-4	5-2-1-2	L1
Edmonton	44	14	23	1	6	112	151	35	7-11-1-2	7-12-1-3	2-7-0-1	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Montreal 5 Calgary 4 (OT)
Atlanta 3 Florida 2 (SO)
Boston 7 Carolina 0
Dallas 2 Los Angeles 1
New Jersey 5 N.Y. Islanders 2
San Jose 4 Phoenix 2
Sunday's results
Anaheim 3 Edmonton 2
Minnesota 4 Vancouver 0
Washington 3 Ottawa 1
Chicago 6 Nashville 3
Philadelphia 3 N.Y. Rangers 2

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

CANADIENS 5, FLAMES 4 (OT)

First Period
1. Montreal, Eller 3 (Cammalleri, Plekanec) 4:27
2. Montreal, Cammalleri 13 (Halpern, Subban) 11:42
Penalties — Babchuk Cal (tripping) 8:24, Cammalleri Mtl (slashing) 9:35, Gionta Mtl (interference) 16:16, Pardy Cal (hooking) 18:01.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Kostitsyn 12 (Weber, Spacek) 3:14
4. Montreal, Halpern 7 (Moen, Spacek) 6:34
5. Calgary, Bourque 15 (Jokinen, Sarich) 13:26
6. Calgary, Bouwmeester 5 18:48
Penalties — Gionta Mtl (goaltender interference) 0:21, Jackman Cal (goaltender interference) 14:34.
Third Period
7. Calgary, Kotalik 3 (Jokinen) 1:37
8. Calgary, Tanguay 11 (Iginla, Morrison) 2:56
Penalty — Montreal bench (too many men, served by Pacioretty) 6:21.
Overtime
9. Montreal, Subban 4 (Gomez, Gill) 1:06
Penalties — None.
Shots

Calgary	10	10	8	0—28
Montreal	12	10	6	1—29

Goal (shots-saves) — Calgary: Kiprusoff (17-13), Karlsson (L,3-3-4)(6:34 second)(12-11); Montreal: Auld (24-20), Price (W,23-15-3)(2:56 third)(4-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 0-4; Montreal: 0-3.
Referees — Dave Jackson, Frederic l'Ecuyer.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Scott Cherrey.
Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Stamkos, TB	33	28	61
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	31	58
St. Louis, TB	19	37	56
H.Sedin, Vcr	9	46	55
B.Richards, Dal	18	36	54
Zetterberg, Det	16	34	50
Perry, Ana	23	26	49
Eriksson, Dal	17	32	49
Kopitar, LA	16	31	47
E.Staal, Car	22	24	46
Ovechkin, Wash	15	30	45
Sharp, Chi	25	19	44
Duchene, Col	18	25	43
Heatley, SJ	18	25	43
J.Thornton, SJ	13	30	43
Kesler, Vcr	24	18	42
Lidstrom, Det	11	31	42
Iginla, Cal	18	23	41
Byfuglien, Atl	16	25	41
Selanne, Ana	14	27	41
Backstrom, Wash	11	30	41
Enstrom, Atl	8	33	41
Briere, Pha	24	16	40
M.Richards, Pha	15	25	40
Ribeiro, Dal	9	31	40
Letang, Pgh	7	33	40
Nash, Clb	21	18	39
Giroux, Pha	17	22	39
Ladd, Atl	16	23	39
Datsyuk, Det	12	27	39
Havlat, Minn	11	28	39
Visnovsky, Ana	8	31	39
J.Carter, Pha	19	19	38
Dubinsky, NYR	17	21	38
P.Stastny, Col	16	22	38
M.Koivu, Minn	11	27	38
Toews, Chi	17	20	37
J.Williams, LA	17	20	37
Hejduk, Col	14	23	37
MacArthur, Tor	14	23	37
Getzlaf, Ana	13	24	37
Clowe, SJ	12	25	37
Ryan, Ana	21	15	36

GOLF

PGA FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

(all figures in U.S. dollars)

Rank, Name	Points	Money
1. Jonathan Byrd	534	$1,146,606
2. Mark Wilson	500	$990,000
3. Robert Garrigus	300	$635,000
4. Tim Clark	299	$571,000
5. Steve Marino	245	$484,000
6. Matt Kuchar	200	$410,500
7. Steve Stricker	195	$429,500
8. Graeme McDowell	190	$412,000
9. Matt Bettencourt	157	$284,500
10. Jimmy Walker	135	$264,000
11. Jason Day	123	$219,357
12. Carl Pettersson	123	$286,500
13. Justin Rose	116	$226,286
14. Anthony Kim	107	$169,786
15. Arjun Atwal	100	$166,925
16. Stuart Appleby	96	$151,286
17. Cameron Beckman	96	$124,357
18. Ian Poulter	95	$201,500
19. Shigeki Maruyama	88	$177,375
19. Roland Thatcher	88	$177,375
21. Bill Haas	85	$182,000
22. Ernie Els	81	$106,800
23. Jim Furyk	75	$162,000
23. Dustin Johnson	75	$162,000
25. Ryan Palmer	75	$120,200
26. Jerry Kelly	73	$143,000
26. Davis Love III	73	$143,000
26. Chris Riley	73	$143,000
29. Jason Bohn	66	$74,093
30. Bill Lunde	61	$132,000
31. Zach Johnson	57	$78,880
32. Chad Campbell	55	$94,286
32. Brian Gay	55	$94,286
32. Tag Ridings	55	$94,286
32. Rory Sabbatini	55	$94,286
36. Ben Crane	50	$71,000
36. Adam Scott	50	$71,000
38. Rocco Mediate	49	$67,880
39. Brendon de Jonge	48	$57,357
39. Kevin Na	48	$57,357
39. Jeff Overton	48	$57,357
39. Alex Prugh	48	$57,357
39. John Senden	48	$57,357
44. Charley Hoffman	45	$62,000
44. Hunter Mahan	45	$62,000
44. Bubba Watson	45	$62,000
47. Heath Slocum	44	$68,895
48. Fredrik Jacobson	43	$40,700
48. Marc Leishman	43	$40,700
48. Boo Weekley	43	$40,700
51. Chris DiMarco	40	$34,925
51. Chris Kirk	40	$34,925
51. John Merrick	40	$34,925
54. Derek Lamely	39	$55,000
55. Aaron Baddeley	34	$26,606
55. Steven Bowditch	34	$26,606
55. D.J. Brigman	34	$26,606
55. Colt Knost	34	$26,606
55. Spencer Levin	34	$26,606
55. Jarrod Lyle	34	$26,606
55. Daniel Summerhays	34	$26,606
62. Kevin Chappell	28	$19,800
62. Brandt Jobe	28	$19,800
62. Nate Smith	28	$19,800
65. Webb Simpson	24	$15,593
65. Charlie Wi	24	$15,593
67. Michael Connell	21	$13,860
68. Billy Mayfair	20	$13,530
69. Michael Sim	18	$12,980
70. Matt McQuillan	**17**	**$12,705**
70. Jesper Parnevik	17	$12,705
72. Jason Dufner	15	$12,540
Also		
82. David Hearn	**1**	**$10,395**

SOCCER

ASIAN CUP

Yesterday's results
At Al Rayyan, Qatar
Japan 5 Saudi Arabia 0
At Doha, Qatar
Jordan 2 Syria 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Atletico Madrid 3 Mallorca 0

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Tuesday's results
MEN
Singles — First Round
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Marcos Daniel, Brazil, 6-0, 5-0, retired.
Mikhail Youzhny (10), Russia, def. Marsel Ilhan, Turkey, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Jurgen Melzer (11), Austria, def. Vincent Millot, France, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.
Marin Cilic (15), Croatia, def. Donald Young, U.S., 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez (31), Spain, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-3.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (32), Spain, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-2, 6-0, 6-4.
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Michael Russell, U.S., def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (9).
Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).
WOMEN
Singles — First Round
Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Sybille Bammer, Austria, 6-2, 6-1.
Sam Stosur (5), Australia, def. Lauren Davis, U.S., 6-1, 6-1.
Jelena Jankovic (7), Serbia, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-0, 7-6 (5).
Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.
Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, def. Sally Peers, Australia, 6-2, 6-4.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-1.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-0, 6-1.
Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-3, 6-4.
Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Chang Kaichen, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-1.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Sophie Ferguson, Australia, 7-6 (6), 0-6, 6-3.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, 2-6, 6-3, 8-6.
Monday's results
MEN
Singles — First Round
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.
Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Marco Crugnola, Italy, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.
Andy Roddick (8), U.S., def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.
Fernando Verdasco (9), Spain, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Gael Monfils (12), France, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-7 (5), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.
Nicolas Almagro (14), Spain, def. Stephane Robert, France, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Mardy Fish (16), U.S., def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 2-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.
Ivan Ljubicic (17), Croatia, def. Peter Luczak, Australia, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Sam Querrey (18), U.S., 5-7, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 8-6.
Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-4.
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Nikolay Davydenko (23), Russia, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Albert Montanes (25), Spain, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 2-6, 7-5.
Juan Monaco (26), Argentina, def. Simon Greul, Germany, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Richard Gasquet (28), France, def. Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont., 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Viktor Troicki (29), Serbia, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-1, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4.
Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, def. Michal Przysiezny, Poland, 6-7 (1), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Ryan Harrison, U.S., 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-1, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-3, 9-7.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Brian Dabul, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 1-6, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-4.
Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Somdev Devvarman, India, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-4.
Igor Andreev, Russia, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Benoit Paire, France, def.Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-1, 7-5, 6-1.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4.
WOMEN
Singles — First Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.
Venus Williams (4), U.S., def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
Francesca Schiavone (6), Italy, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, def. Kathrin Worle, Germany, 6-0, 6-2.
Li Na (9), China, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-1, 7-5.
Justine Henin (11), Belgium, def. Sania Mirza, India, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.
Maria Sharapova (14), Russia, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 6-1, 6-3.
Marion Bartoli (15), France, def. Tathiana Garbin, Italy, 6-0, 6-0.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Aravane Rezai (17), France, 6-0, 3-6, 7-5.
Kaia Kanepi (20), Estonia, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Yanina Wickmayer (21), Belgium, def. Jarmila Groth, Australia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (23), Russia, def. Alison Riske, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.
Regina Kulikova, Russia, def. Daniela Hantuchova (28), Slovakia, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 9-7.
Dominika Cibulkova (29), Slovakia, def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-4.
Andrea Petkovic (30), Germany, def. Jill Craybas, U.S., 6-1, 6-2.
Tsvetana Pironkova (32), Bulgaria, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Rebecca Marino, Vancouver def. Junri Namigata, Japan, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Olivia Rogowska, Australia, 6-3, 6-1.
Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-5.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, 6-0, 6-3.
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Karolina Sprem, Croatia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Sandra Zahlavova, Czech Republic, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-1.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Vesna Manasieva, Russia, def. Laura Pous Tio, Spain, 7-5, 6-2.
Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Zuzana Ondraskova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
Vania King, U.S., def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-7 (4), 6-0, 6-3.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 7-5, 6-4.
Elena Baltacha, Britain, def. Jamie Hampton, U.S., 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Anne Keothavong, England, def Arina Rodionova, Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	2	2	0	1.000	25	16	—
Boston	2	2	0	1.000	20	13	—
Rochester	2	1	1	.500	20	22	1
Buffalo	2	1	1	.500	18	16	1
Philadelphia	2	0	2	.000	12	19	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	3	2	1	.667	30	28	—
Minnesota	2	1	1	.500	26	19	1/2
Colorado	2	1	1	.500	18	18	1/2
Washington	3	1	2	.333	30	39	1
Edmonton	2	0	2	.000	14	23	11/2

WEEK THREE
Friday's game
All times Eastern
Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	31	9	.775	—
d-Miami	30	12	.714	2
d-Chicago	28	13	.683	3½
Atlanta	27	15	.643	5
Orlando	26	15	.634	5½
New York	22	18	.550	9
Philadelphia	17	23	.425	14
Indiana	16	22	.421	14
Charlotte	15	24	.385	15½
Milwaukee	14	24	.368	16
Detroit	15	26	.366	16½
Toronto	13	28	.317	18½
Washington	12	27	.308	18½
New Jersey	10	31	.244	21½
Cleveland	8	32	.200	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	35	6	.854	—
d-L.A. Lakers	30	12	.714	5½
d-Oklahoma City	27	13	.675	7½
Utah	27	14	.659	8
Dallas	26	14	.650	8½
New Orleans	26	16	.619	9½
Denver	23	17	.575	11½
Portland	21	20	.512	14
Memphis	19	22	.463	16
Phoenix	18	21	.462	16
Houston	19	23	.452	16½
Golden State	17	23	.425	17½
L.A. Clippers	15	25	.375	19½
Minnesota	10	31	.244	25
Sacramento	9	30	.231	25

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Yesterday's results
Chicago 96 Memphis 84
Phoenix 129 New York 121
Washington 108 Utah 101
Philadelphia 96 Charlotte 92 (OT)
Houston 93 Milwaukee 84
New Orleans 85 Toronto 81
L.A. Clippers 114 Indiana 107
Detroit 103 Dallas 89
Golden State 109 New Jersey 100
Atlanta 100 Sacramento 98
Boston 109 Orlando 106
Minnesota at Portland
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers
Sunday's results
L.A. Clippers 99 L.A. Lakers 92
San Antonio 110 Denver 97
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	36	341	281	1026	28.5
Stoudemire, NYK	39	376	255	1015	26.0
Ellis, GOL	39	372	188	1001	25.7
James, MIA	40	347	266	1015	25.4

Not including yesterday's games

NFL

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Sunday's results
AFC
N.Y. Jets 28 New England 21
NFC
Chicago 35 Seattle 24

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 23
Green Bay at Chicago, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 30
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington, Texas
AFC vs. NFC champions, 6:30 p.m.

Versteeg's return boosts confidence

'We've got a lot of guys who can score around here ... we're making a push now,' says Maple Leafs winger

Kris Versteeg returned to the Leafs lineup yesterday, and it was cause for a bit of celebration for his linemates.

Both Colby Armstrong and Darryl Boyce were glad to have Versteeg back after the winger missed last week with an upper body injury.

"He has the ability to make a lot of things happen for us as a line and as a team," Armstrong said. "He's been running the power play very well with Kabby (Tomas Kaberle) and the last little while, I've felt good with Steeger out there. I think we're getting some chemistry going."

When players engage in hockey talk like this, it's usually a positive sign.

The Leafs need chemistry among their second and third lines as the team continues to search for scoring to complement the top line of Mikhail Grabovski, Clarke MacArthur, and Nik Kulemin.

That responsibility fell to Tyler Bozak and Phil Kessel (now with Joey Crabb), but

"It was tough sitting on the sidelines while our team is making a push for the playoffs here,"
KRIS VERSTEEG, MAPLE LEAFS FORWARD

that threesome hasn't always fulfilled expectations.

Kessel and Bozak have combined for 26 goals and 23 assists, while Versteeg and Armstrong, have 18 goals and 25 assists.

Having Versteeg return to the lineup gives the Leafs confidence as the team tries to push its way back into the playoff picture.

"I feel good now. It's a matter of getting some practices in and being ready to play (tomorrow in New York)," Versteeg said.

Coach Ron Wilson said Jonas Gustavsson will start in New York against the Rangers, saving Jean-Sebastien Giguere for Thursday's game against Anaheim, Giguere's former team.

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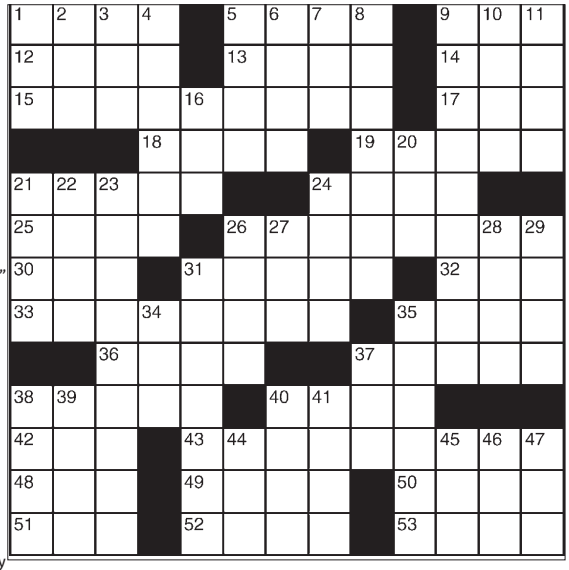

Across

1 Entreaty
5 Reverberate
9 Hope or Newhart
12 Skirt edges
13 Christmas refrain
14 Rhyming tribute
15 Instrument panel
17 Intention
18 Group of actors
19 Greene of "Bonanza"
21 City-related
24 "Leave It to Beaver" dad
25 Any moment now
26 Square dances
30 Greek vowel
31 Journal
32 "That feels so good"
33 Rump
35 Hodgepodge
36 Uses a shovel
37 Bracelet location, maybe
38 Throng
40 Timbuktu's country
42 Blood-group letters
43 Go downhill, in a way
48 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
49 Albacore
50 Pleasant
51 P.E. venue
52 Remain
53 Cabbage salad

Down

1 Third degree?
2 Meadow
3 Type squares
4 Garbage receptacle
5 Eve's grandson
6 Layer of paint
7 That girl
8 Wife or mother, slangily
9 "Monopoly" property
10 Valhalla VIP
11 Everly Brothers' "Let It —"
16 Prohibit
20 Acapulco gold
21 Secondhand
22 Memory method
23 Staff meeting site
24 Existed
26 Hastens
27 Rowing need
28 Hammer's target
29 Oxford, e.g.
31 Literary condensations
34 Disencumber
35 Toppers for Whoppers
37 Priestly garment
38 Suspend
39 Do as you're told
40 "—Lisa"
41 Vacationing
44 Wacko
45 Have a bug
46 Nipper's co.
47 Morning moisture

▶ Yesterday's answer

E	M	U	S	■	O	H	O	■	S	T	A	B
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Sudoku

4		7	1		9	5		6
		3				1		
2	1						3	8
			2		3			
	9						5	
			8		4			
5	3						9	4
		6				8		
1		9	3		7	2		5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

7	9	1	2	8	5	4	3	6
8	5	6	4	1	3	9	2	7
3	4	2	7	6	9	8	1	5
1	8	7	9	4	6	2	5	3
9	2	4	5	3	1	6	7	8
5	6	3	8	2	7	1	9	4
6	3	5	1	9	4	7	8	2
2	7	9	6	5	8	3	4	1
4	1	8	3	7	2	5	6	9

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all the kids call you ms. honey. you are the sweetest teacher i ever met, and i want to send you all my love sealed with a kiss. You always will be special in my life. **FROM YOUR: CHERI BLOSSOM.**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You will be hugely assertive today and that's good because if you believe in your abilities and if you are prepared to take risks anything is possible.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Your imaginative powers are strong at the moment but that will only be a good thing if you know how to keep self-doubt at arm's length. Focus on positive thoughts only.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Today's link between your ruler Mercury and power planet Pluto will encourage you to be inventive, especially in finding ways to make money. Think of something that has not been done before – then do it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Unexpected developments of some sort will catch just about everyone by surprise today but if you stay calm and look for ways to turn them to your advantage you will benefit while others struggle.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You won't care in the slightest what other people think or say about you today. That frees you to take chances – and win.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 With Mercury, your ruler, linked to power planet Pluto today the way you interact with employers and senior colleagues is of the utmost importance. Make sure you respect them, even if they don't always respect you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Resist the urge to make value judgments about people whose personal lives you don't know much about. No one is perfect. We all have our failings.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Act quickly if someone in a position of power makes you the proverbial offer you cannot refuse today. If you don't take them up on it one or more of your rivals wil.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you need to do something that is going to take a lot of energy now is the time to get started. Your mind is a powerful tool and if you use it correctly today you can overcome any obstacle and reach any objective.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Today's Mercury-Pluto union will endow you with the kind of faith that can move mountains – so get moving!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The more others say you should be respectful of people in positions of power the more you will go out of your way to show you are a free individual and you bow to no one's authority. Good for you!

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 It's natural that you feel a bit concerned about some of the things going on in your world, but nothing bad will happen to you personally. Even if it did, you've got the skills to talk your way out of it. SALLY BROMPTON

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